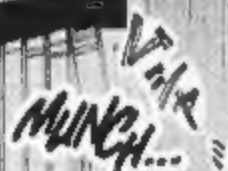
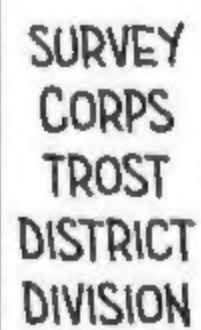
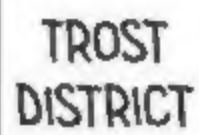




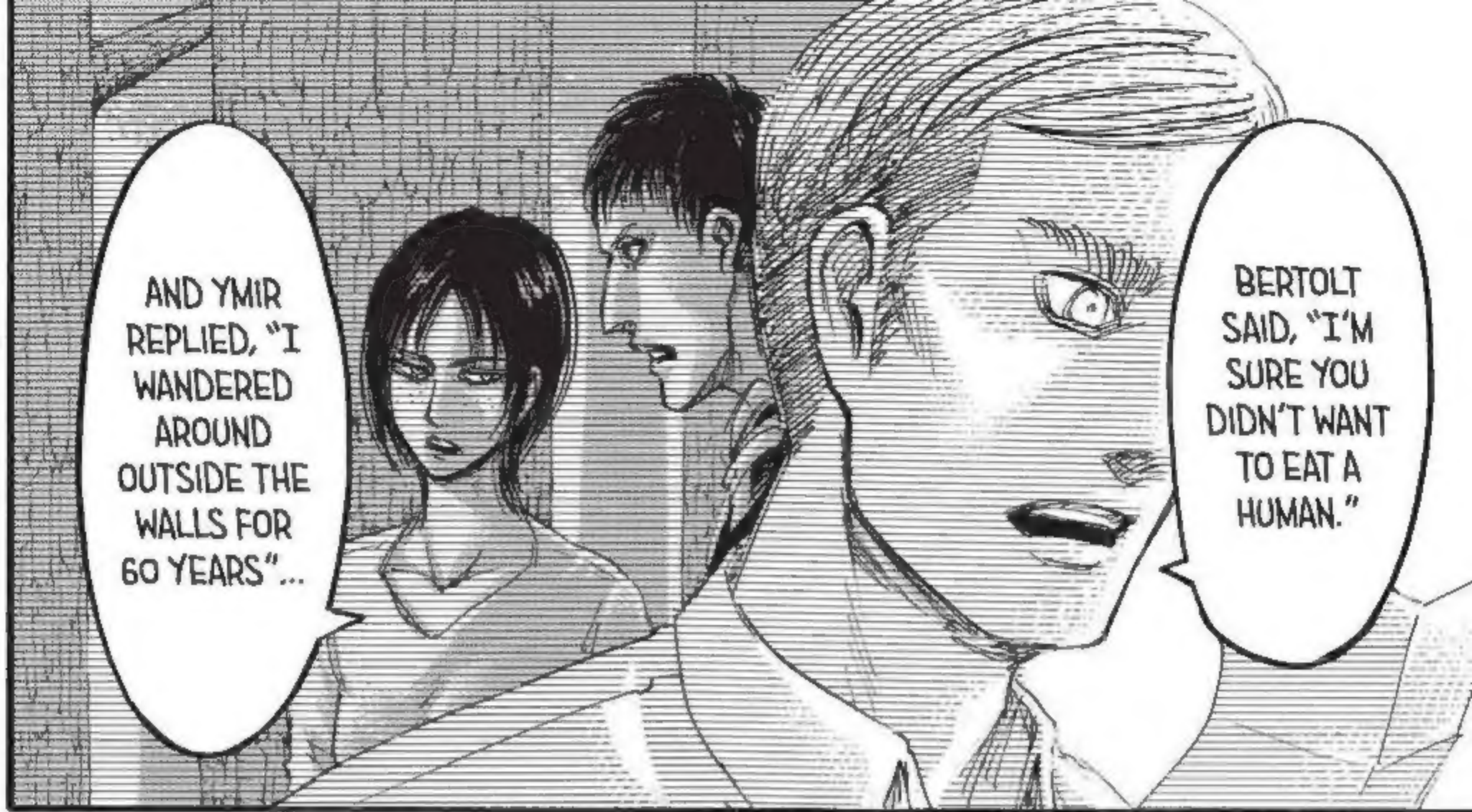
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...THIS
IS A
CONVER-
SATION
BETWEEN
BERTOLT
AND
YMIER?



AND YMIR REPLIED, "I WANDERED AROUND OUTSIDE THE WALLS FOR 60 YEARS"...

BERTOLT SAID, "I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO EAT A HUMAN."



...IT'S UN-IMAG-IN-ABLE.

BUT SHE SAID IT WAS LIKE A 60-YEAR-LONG NIGHT-MARE...



I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WAS FORCEFULLY TURNED INTO ONE LIKE THE PEOPLE OF RAGAKO VILLAGE, OR IF IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE...

...IN OTHER WORDS, YMIR MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE TITANS WANDERING OUTSIDE OF THE WALLS.



BUT MAYBE THEY'RE SO CUTE IN PART BECAUSE OF THE PITY YOU FEEL FOR THEM...




ARE THESE WORDS THE FIRST EREN REMEMBERS YMIR SAYING?



THEY'RE STILL UNMISTAK-ABLY A THREAT TO HUMANITY...

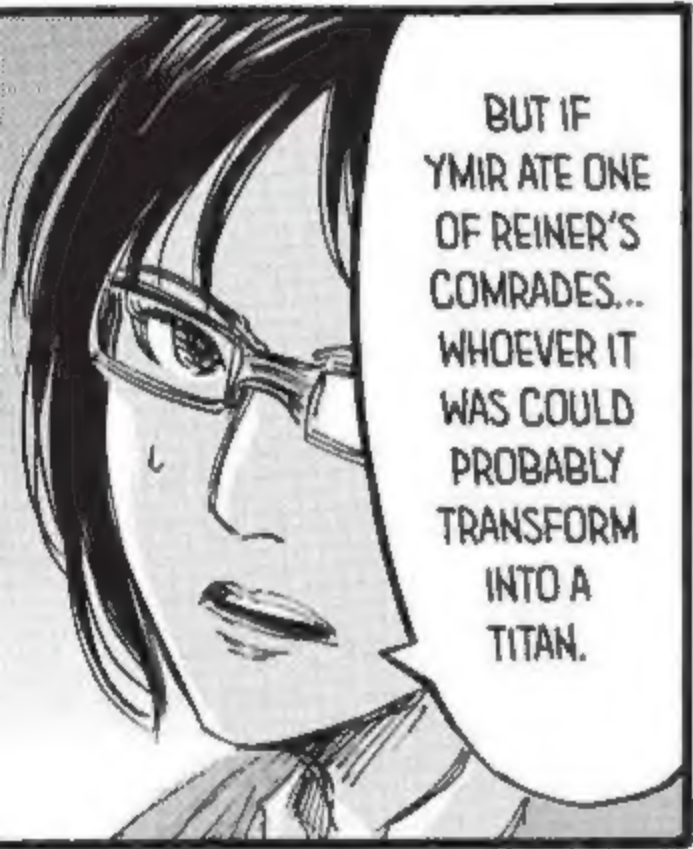
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WANT TO WALK AROUND NAKED AND EAT HUMAN BEINGS.




YOU CAN PROBABLY INFER FROM THIS THAT YMIR ATE ONE OF BERTOLT, REINER, OR ANNIE'S FRIENDS.

HIS MEMORIES START WITH HER SAYING, "DO YOU HATE ME FOR IT?"

YES ...



BUT IF YMIR ATE ONE OF REINER'S COMRADES... WHOEVER IT WAS COULD PROBABLY TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN.

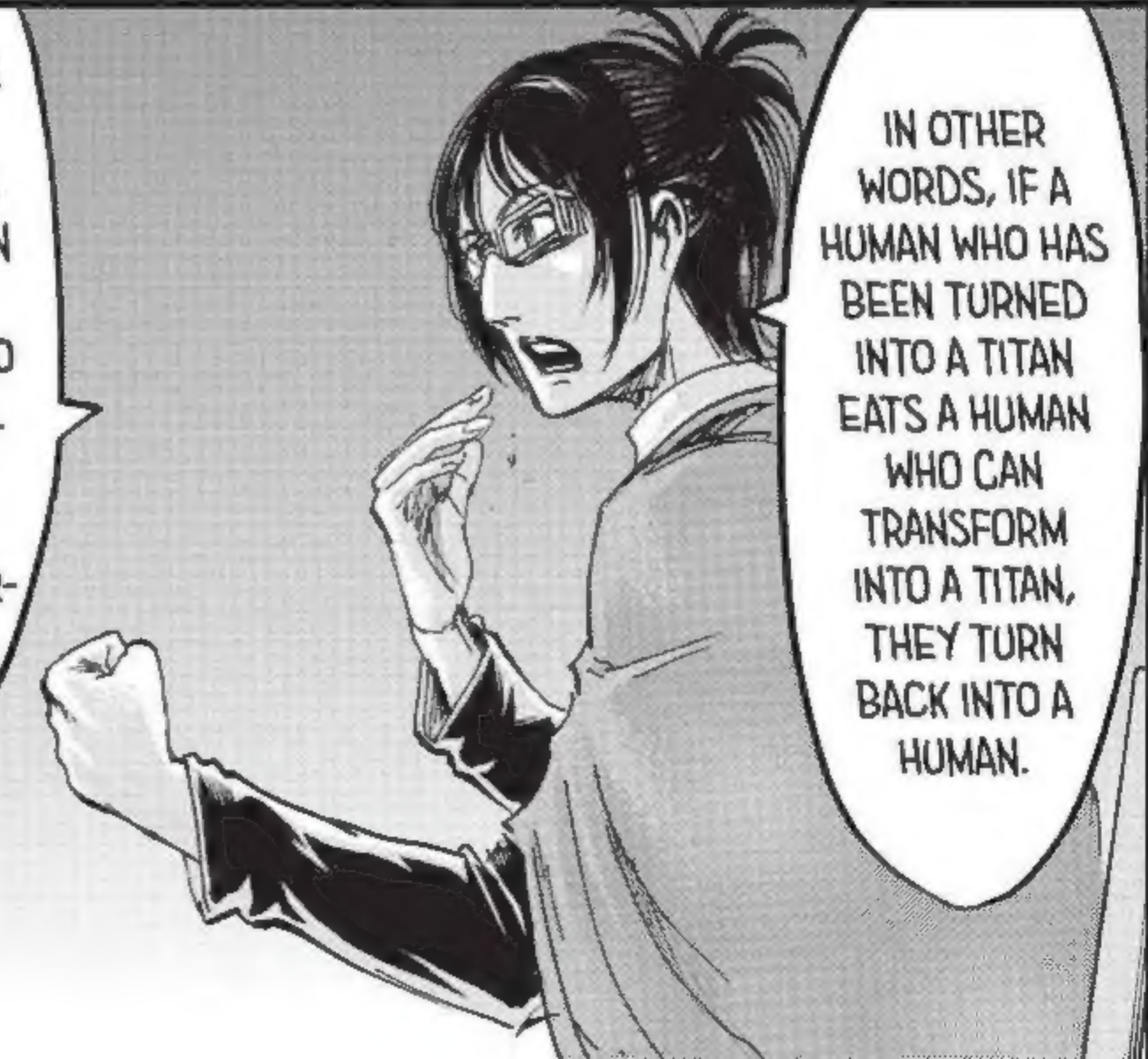


...SO WE KNOW EATING A HUMAN WON'T TURN A TITAN BACK INTO ONE.

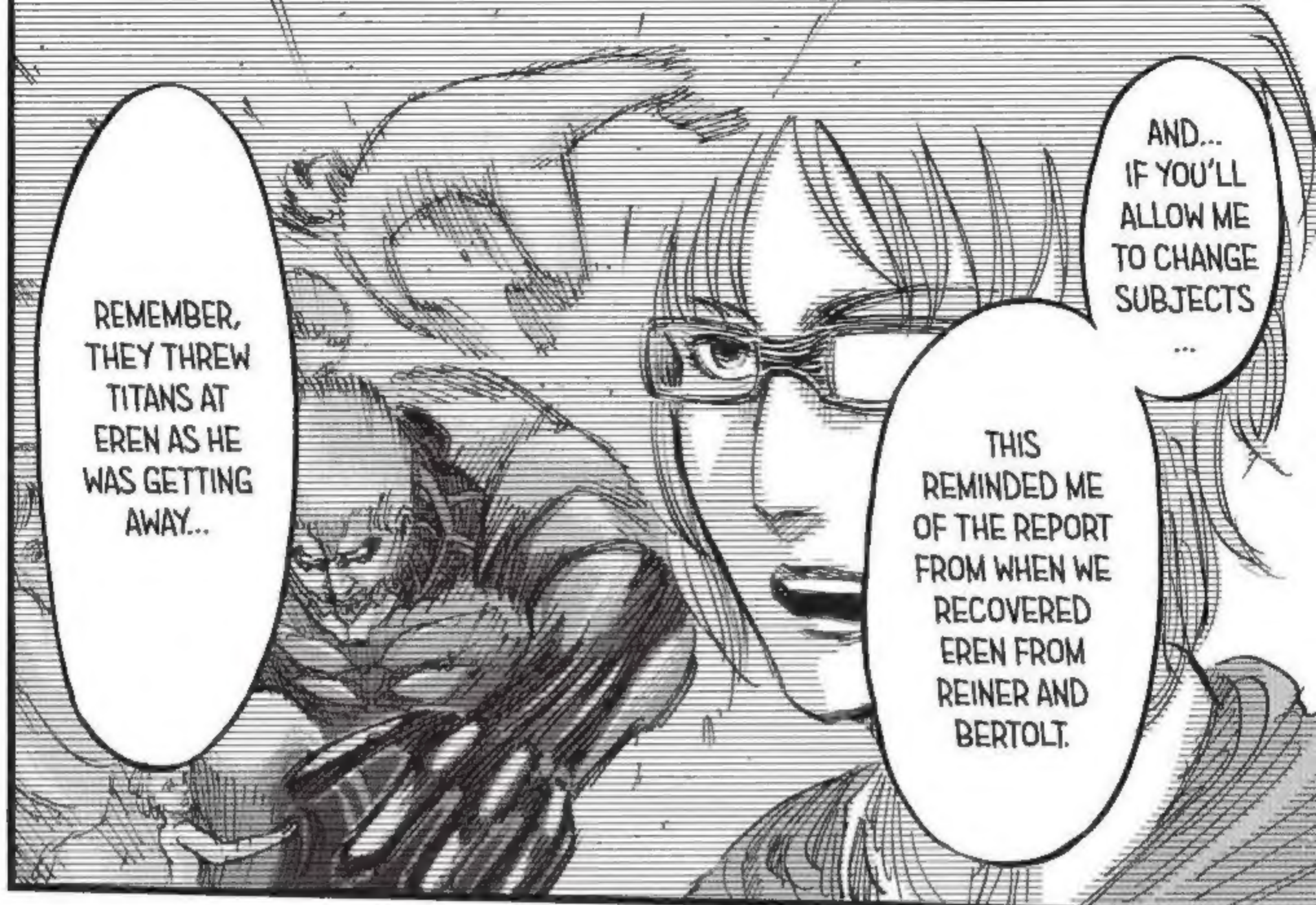
WE'VE SEEN COUNTLESS PEOPLE GET EATEN BY TITANS...



OR TO BE MORE PRECISE, THEY GAIN THEIR ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR TITAN TRANSFORMATION.



IN OTHER WORDS, IF A HUMAN WHO HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A TITAN EATS A HUMAN WHO CAN TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN, THEY TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN.



REMEMBER,
THEY THREW
TITANS AT
EREN AS HE
WAS GETTING
AWAY...

AND...
IF YOU'LL
ALLOW ME
TO CHANGE
SUBJECTS
...

THIS
REMINDED ME
OF THE REPORT
FROM WHEN WE
RECOVERED
EREN FROM
REINER AND
BERTOLT.



COULDN'T IT
HAVE BEEN TO
HAVE ANOTHER
TITAN EAT
EREN?

I
REALLY
HAD TO
THINK
ABOUT
THEIR
GOAL.

THEY HAD TRIED
SO HARD TO STEAL
EREN AWAY, SO WHY
WOULD THEY
SUDDENLY TRY TO
KILL HIM?



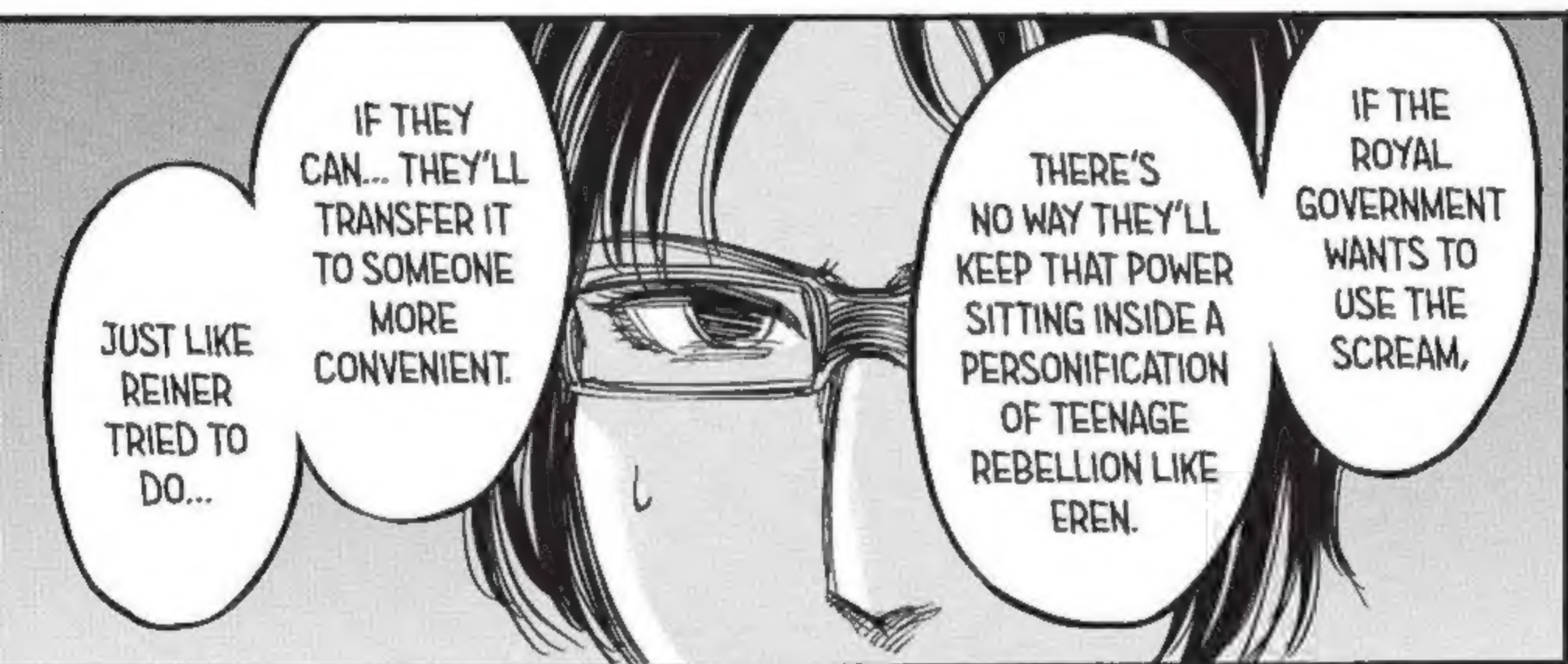
THEN
MAYBE THE
"SCREAM"
THEY
WANT FROM
EREN
WORKS IN
THE SAME
WAY.

IF THE
ABILITY TO
TRANSFORM
CAN BE
TRANSFERRED
BY
EATING...



HE'S
INTER-
CHANGEABLE
TO THEM.

IN THAT
CASE, EREN
IS JUST A
VESSEL.



JUST LIKE
REINER
TRIED TO
DO...

IF THEY
CAN... THEY'LL
TRANSFER IT
TO SOMEONE
MORE
CONVENIENT.

THERE'S
NO WAY THEY'LL
KEEP THAT POWER
SITTING INSIDE A
PERSONIFICATION
OF TEENAGE
REBELLION LIKE
EREN.

IF THE
ROYAL
GOVERNMENT
WANTS TO
USE THE
SCREAM,



THEY'LL
SURELY
FEED
EREN TO
IT.

IN OTHER
WORDS, IF THE
ROYAL GOVERNMENT,
WHICH SEEMS TO
KNOW ABOUT THE
TITANS, HAS A TITAN
OF THEIR OWN...





STILL, I
FEEL THAT THIS
INVESTIGATION
IS LINKED IN
SOME WAY TO
THE "FIRM
COVENANT"
HE TALKED
ABOUT.

OH, AND
AS FOR THE
WALLISTS...
THERE REALLY
DOESN'T SEEM
TO BE ANY
HOPE OF
FINDING OUT
ANYTHING
BEYOND WHAT
MINISTER NICK
TOLD US.



I JUST
FEEL THAT
THEY'RE
SOMEHOW
RELATED.

IT'S
THE SAME
WITH
WHAT YOU
JUST
TOLD
ME.

...AND,
IN THE
END,
THEY
HAD HER
KILLED!

...THE
FAMILY
NEVER
TRUSTED
HER...

THEN
WHAT ABOUT
HISTORIA
REISS? SHE
WAS BORN
TO A MISTRESS
WHO NEVER
MARRIED THE
LORD...

IF THE
"FIRM COVENANT"
ENTRUSTED THE
SECRET ORIGIN
OF THE WALLS
TO A SINGLE
BLOODLINE...



YES...
IT IS
STRANGE.



WHY
IS THE
GOVERNMENT
AFTER HER
AS MUCH AS
THEY'RE
AFTER
EREN?

SO
WHY DOES
HISTORIA
STILL HAVE
THE RIGHT
TO THESE
SECRETS
...?



COM-
MAND-
ER
ERWIN!

BUT
PERHAPS
THIS LETTER
WILL
EXPLAIN
WHY...

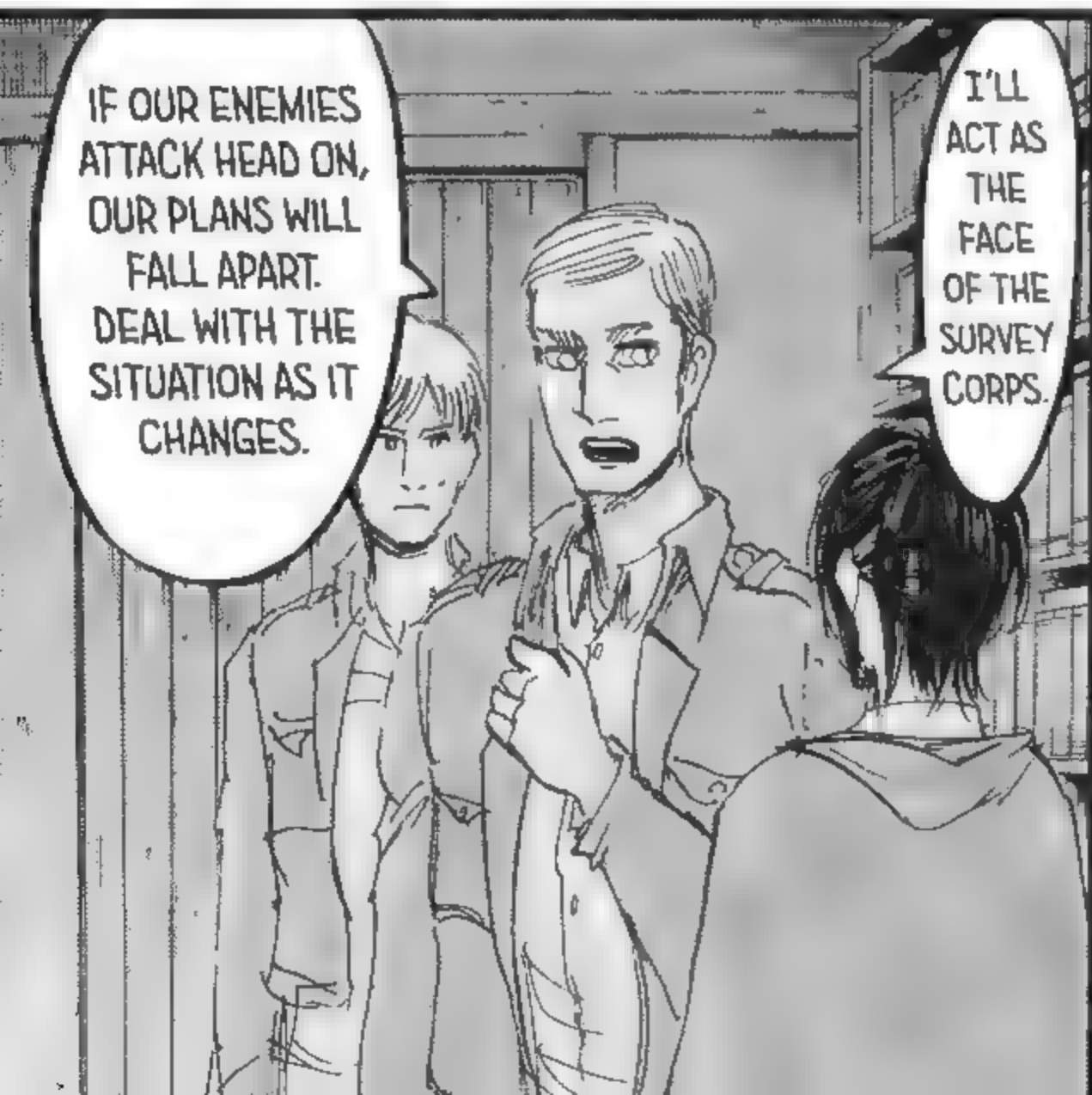


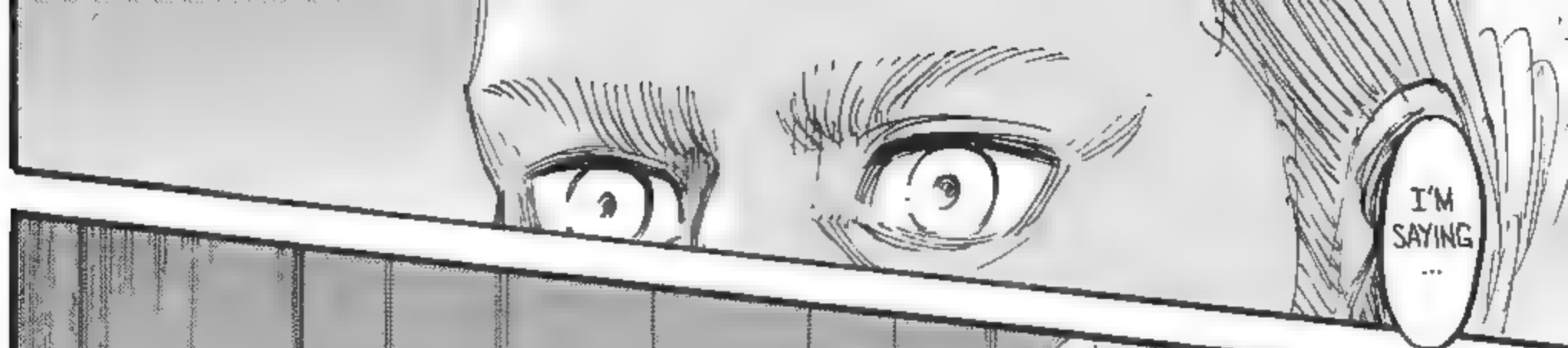
...IN
THE
MIDDLE
OF
TOWN,
TOO...

THEY'RE
GOING ON
ABOUT AN
ORGANIZED
MURDER...



THE
INTERIOR
MP FIRST
SQUAD IS
DEMAND-
ING TO
SEE
YOU.





I'M SAYING ...



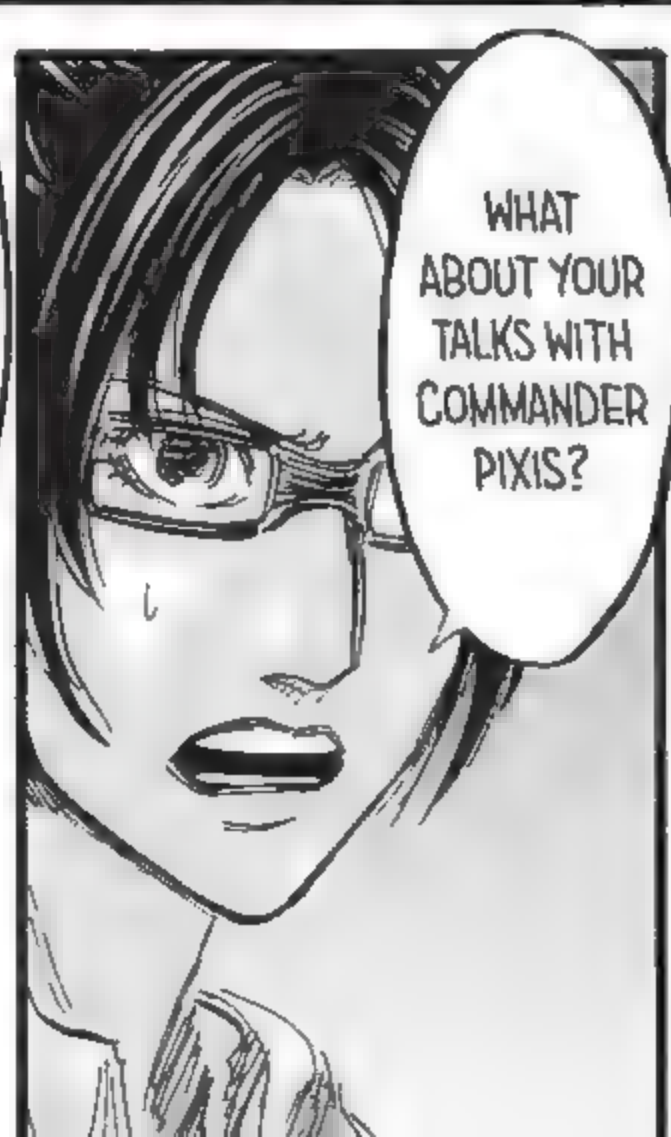
THE NEXT
COMMANDER
OF THE
SURVEY
CORPS WILL
BE HANGE
ZOE.

YOU.



DON'T
RELY
ON
HIM.

...THEY
BROKE
DOWN.



WHAT
ABOUT YOUR
TALKS WITH
COMMANDER
PIXIS?



CLICK

I'M
LEAVING
THE CORPS
IN YOUR
HANDS.

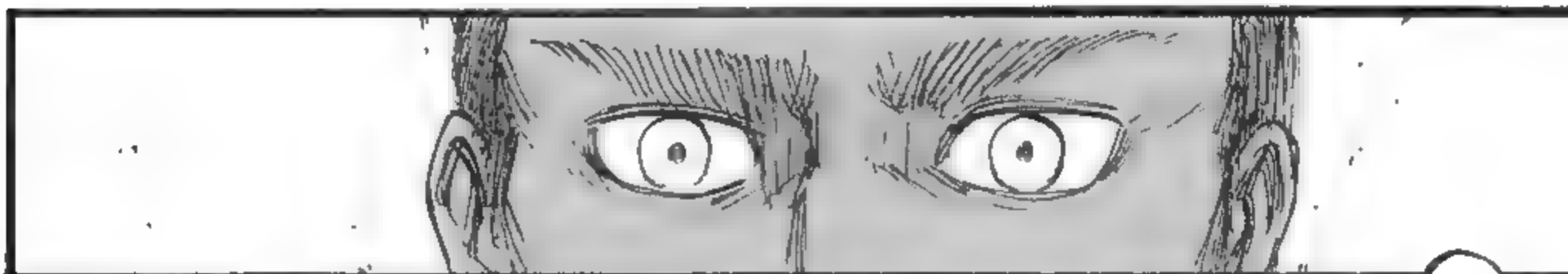
FREEZE!





IT'S
ERWIN.

HEY...
HE'S
HERE.



DO YOU
KNOW
WHO THIS
IS?

ERWIN
SMITH.



DIMO
REEVES.

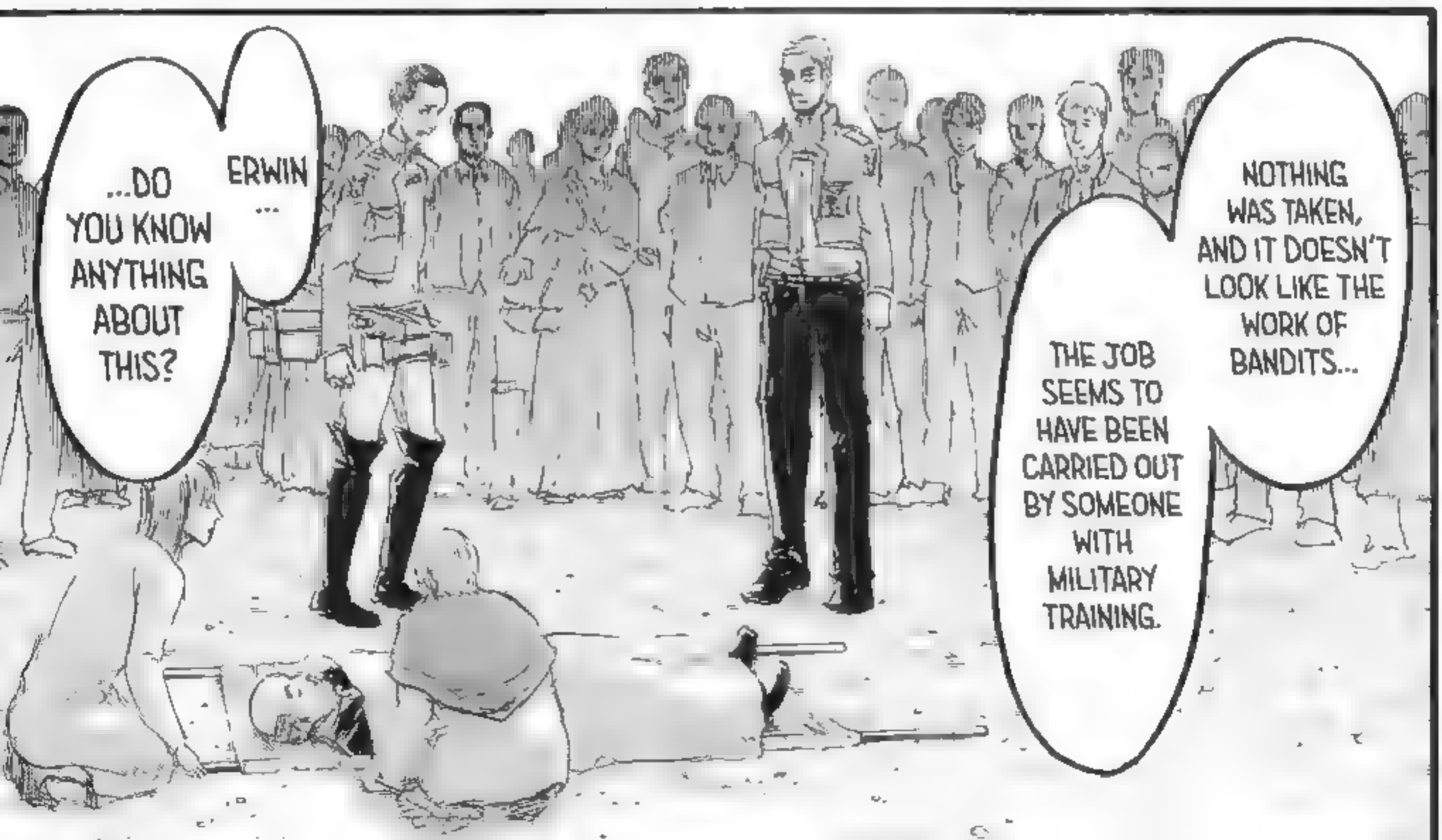


THE
PRESIDENT
OF THE
REEVES
COMPANY.



THEIR
THROATS
HAD BEEN
SLIT WITH A
SHARP
BLADE.

WE
DISCOVERED
HIM AND TWO
OF HIS
EMPLOYEES
KILLED IN THE
MOUNTAINS.



...DO
YOU KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THIS?

ERWIN
...

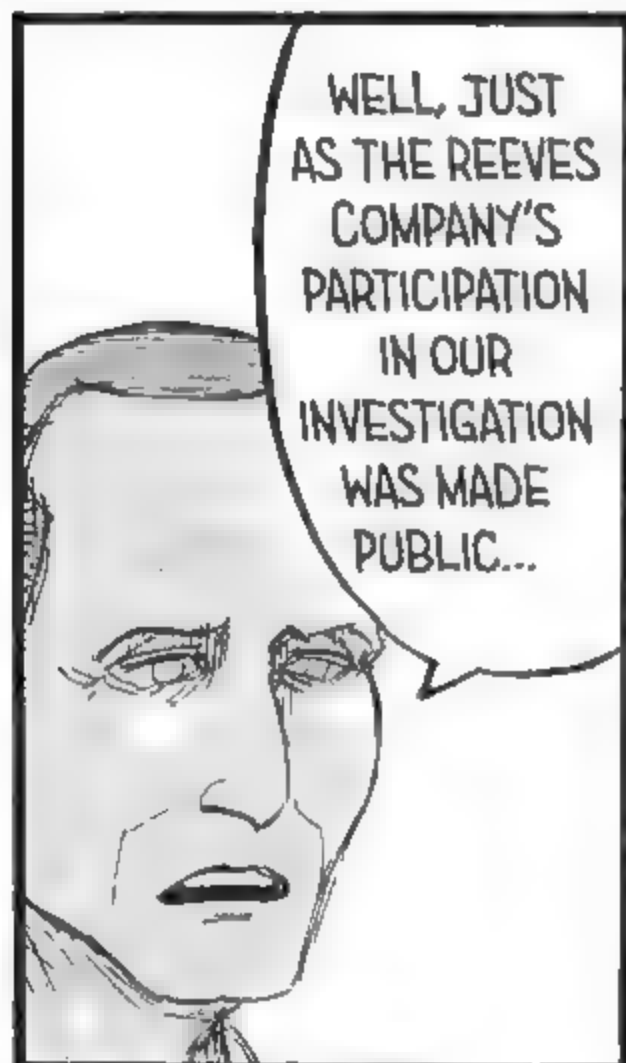
THE JOB
SEEMS TO
HAVE BEEN
CARRIED OUT
BY SOMEONE
WITH
MILITARY
TRAINING.

NOTHING
WAS TAKEN,
AND IT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE THE
WORK OF
BANDITS...



YOU DON'T
NEED TO BE
DIPLOMATIC
ABOUT IT.
JUST TELL
ME WHY.

WHAT
I KNOW IS
THAT THE
SURVEY CORPS
IS CURRENTLY
SUSPECTED
OF KILLING
THEM.

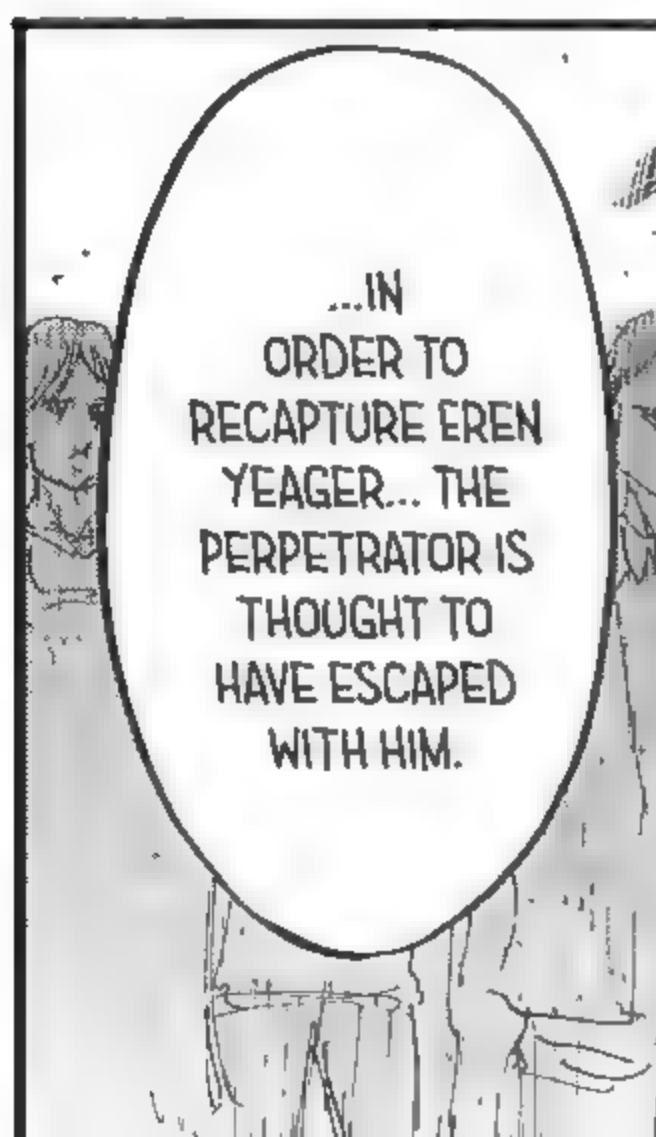


WELL, JUST
AS THE REEVES
COMPANY'S
PARTICIPATION
IN OUR
INVESTIGATION
WAS MADE
PUBLIC...



YES... WE
REPORTED IT
TO THE MILITARY
POLICE AND
REQUESTED AN
INVESTIGATION.

...CITIZENS
REPORT SEEING
SURVEY CORPS
MEMBERS BEING
ATTACKED BY TWO
INDIVIDUALS TWO
DAYS AGO.



...IN
ORDER TO
RECAPTURE EREN
YEAGER... THE
PERPETRATOR IS
THOUGHT TO
HAVE ESCAPED
WITH HIM.



...THE SURVEY
CORPS MUST HAVE
PICKED UP ON
THIS AND
ATTACKED THE
PRESIDENT OF
THE REEVES
COMPANY...



...AND ALL
MEMBERS
MUST
APPEAR
BEFORE
US.

THERE-
FORE, THE
SURVEY
CORPS IS
ORDERED TO
IMMEDIATELY
CEASE ITS
ACTIVITIES
...



YOU JUST
HAVE TO BRING
EVERYONE
TOGETHER AND
PROVE THAT
YOU'RE
INNOCENT.

IF OUR
THEORY IS
WRONG...
SO BE IT.



HONESTLY...
I CAN'T IMAGINE
HOW SOLDIERS
WHO'VE DEDICATED
THEIR HEARTS TO
PROTECT THE PEOPLE
COULD TAKE SOME OF
THOSE PEOPLE'S
LIVES.

IF YOU'RE
INNOCENT,
GET THE CORPS
TOGETHER BY
TOMORROW.



THEY
WERE DOING
SOMETHING
WITH THAT
TITAN
BRAT.

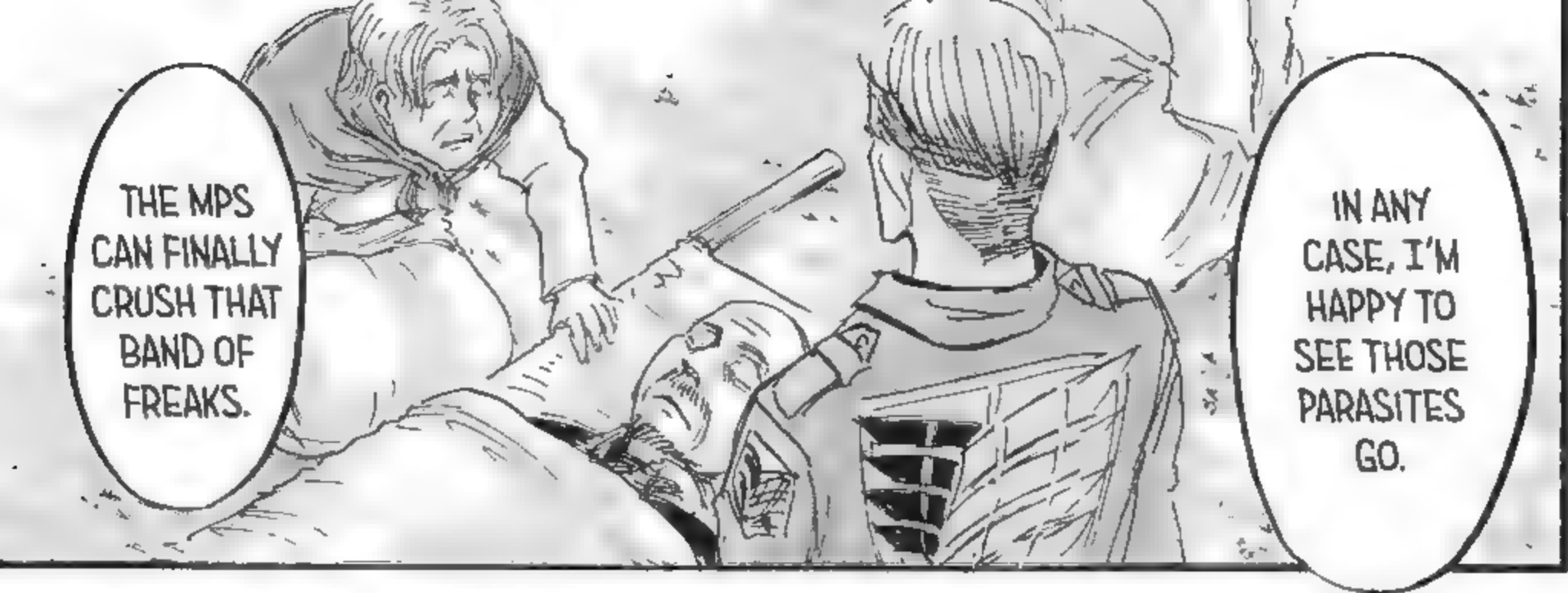
LAZY
AS EVER,
AND AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS?!

IT HAS
TO BE
THEM.



THE SURVEY
CORPS IS NOW
UNDER OUR
CONTROL.

GET IN,
ERWIN.



THE MPS
CAN FINALLY
CRUSH THAT
BAND OF
FREAKS.

IN ANY
CASE, I'M
HAPPY TO
SEE THOSE
PARASITES
GO.



!! ...DON'T
YOU COME
CLOSE TO
HIM... YOU
VILLAIN!!

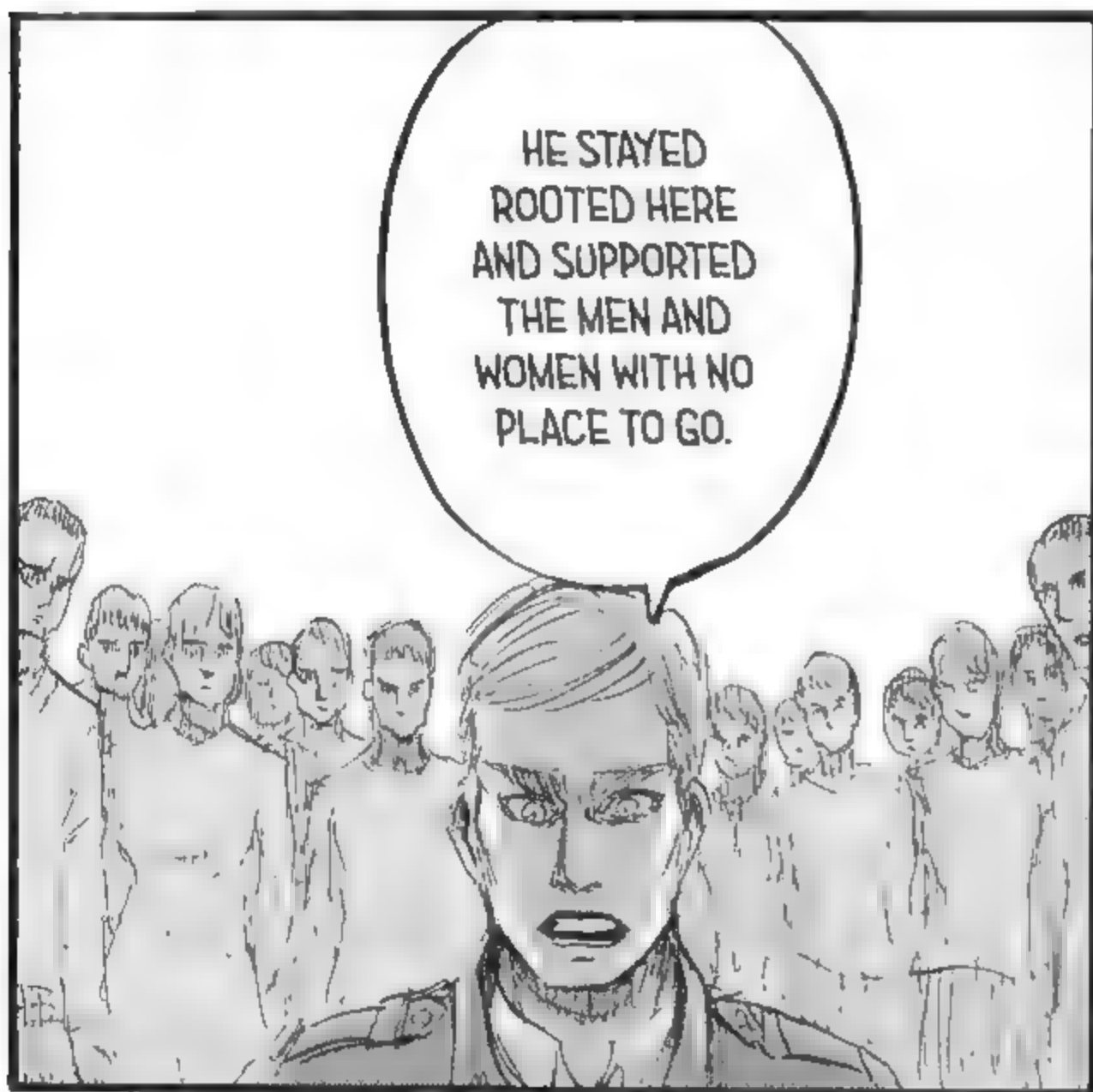


...ALONG
WITH MANY
OTHER DIRTY,
UNLAWFUL
TRICKS.

...BY
COLLUD-
ING WITH
THE MILI-
TARY...



MISTER
REEVES
REBUILT HIS
COMPANY
AFTER THE
CHAOS WE SAW
FIVE YEARS
AGO.





BUT...
SOMEONE
HAS
SQUASHED
THOSE
HOPES.



THIS
TIME, HE
WAS
TRYING
TO SAVE
THIS
TOWN.



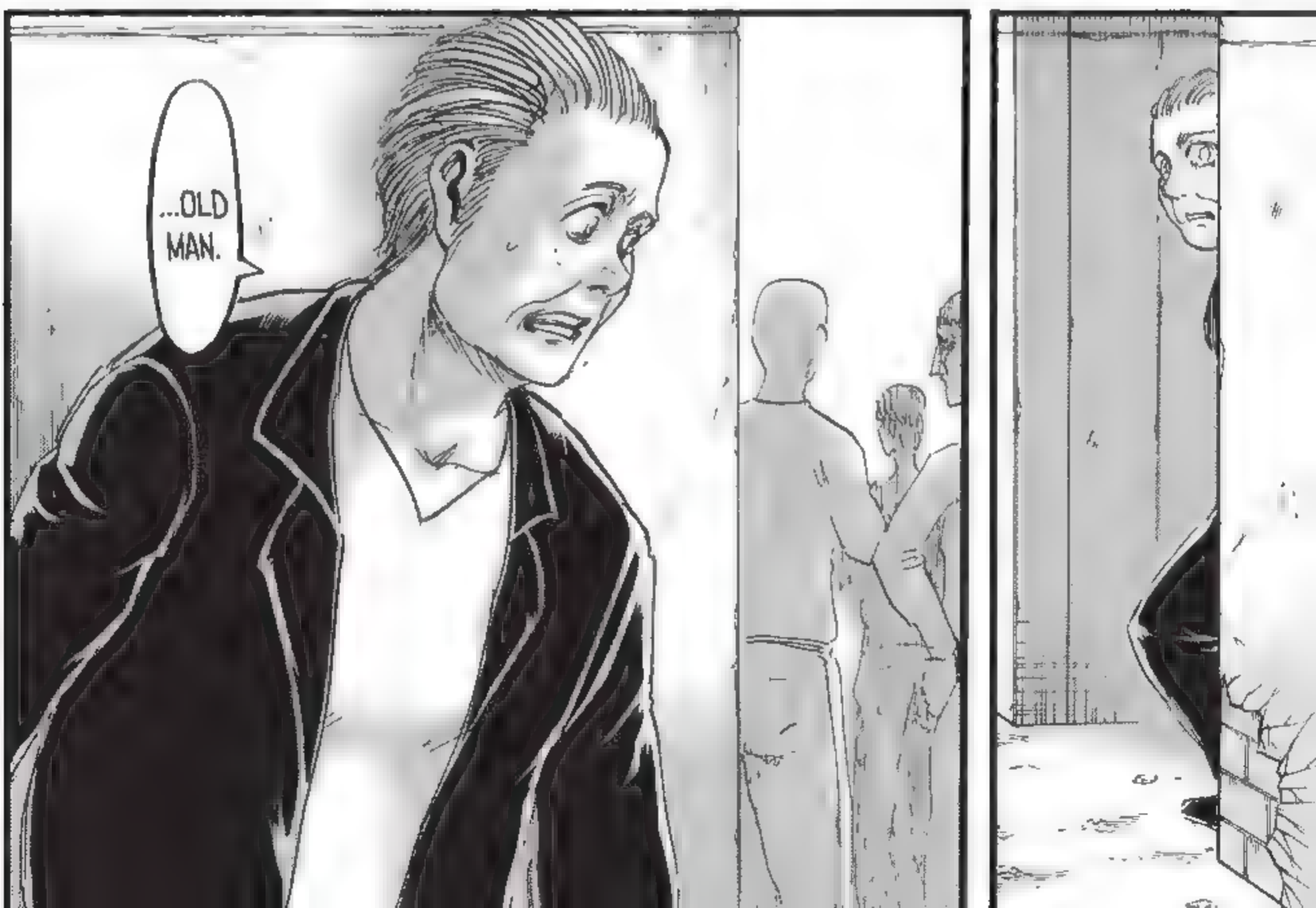
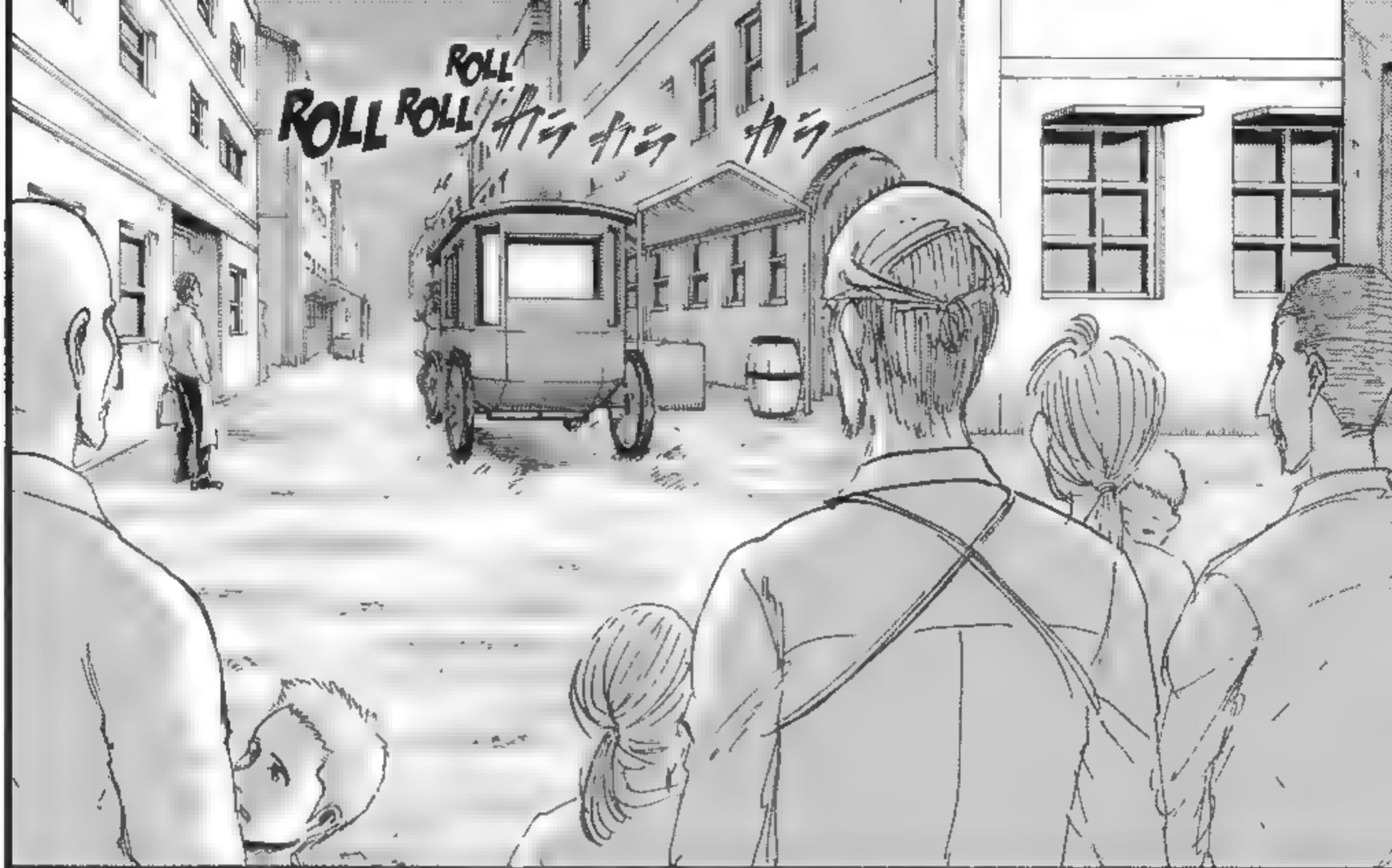
FIVE YEARS
AGO, HE WAS
AN OUTCAST
HERE... HE
CHOSE THE
SAFETY OF HIS
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS OVER
PROTECTING
THE TOWN.



...TO
AVENGE
HIM.



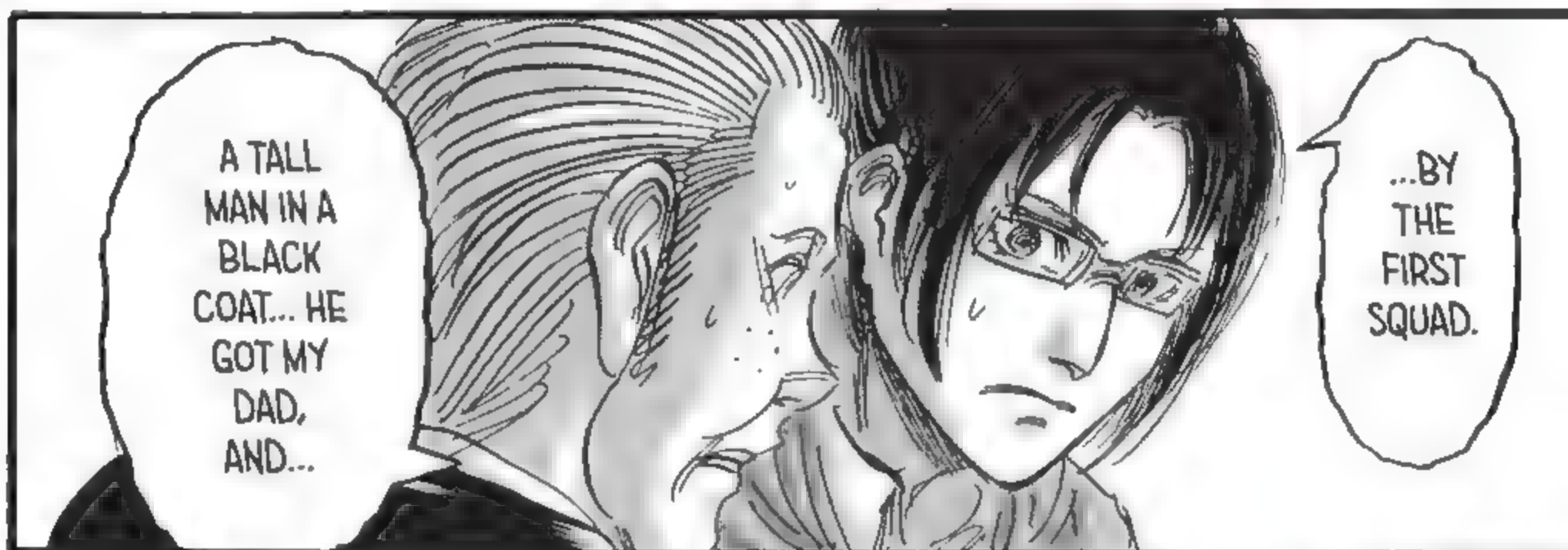
I
PRO-
MISE
...

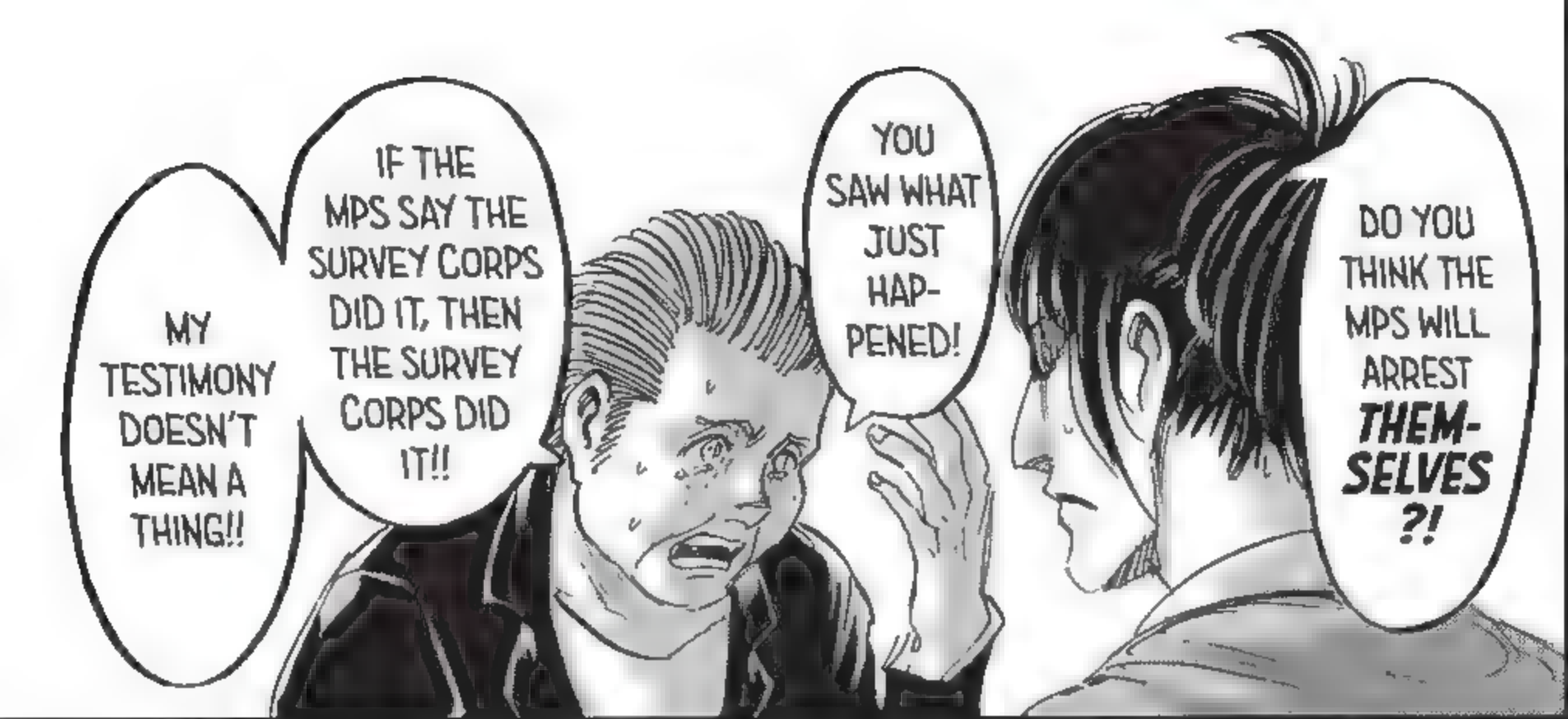




YOU WERE THE PRESIDENT'S SON, RIGHT? YOU'RE...

DO YOU REMEMBER ME FROM WHEN YOU WERE LEAVING THE HIDEOUT?



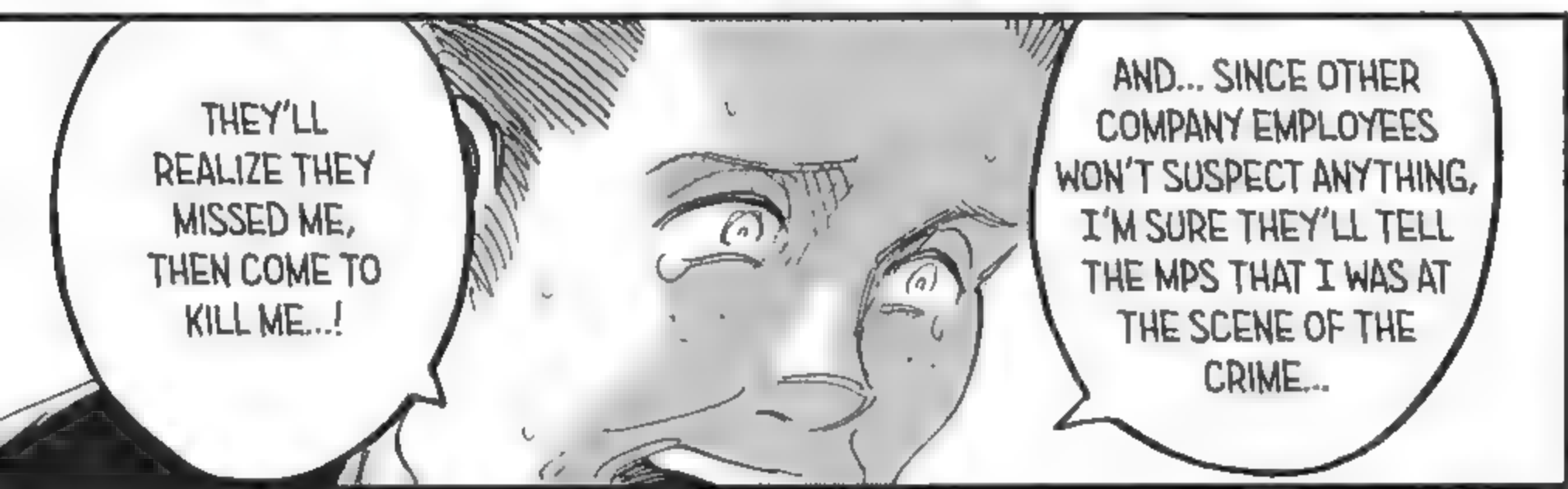


MY
TESTIMONY
DOESN'T
MEAN A
THING!!

IF THE
MPS SAY THE
SURVEY CORPS
DID IT, THEN
THE SURVEY
CORPS DID
IT!!

YOU
SAW WHAT
JUST
HAP-
PENED!

DO YOU
THINK THE
MPS WILL
ARREST
**THEM-
SELVES**
?!



THEY'LL
REALIZE THEY
MISSED ME,
THEN COME TO
KILL ME...!

AND... SINCE OTHER
COMPANY EMPLOYEES
WON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING,
I'M SURE THEY'LL TELL
THE MPS THAT I WAS AT
THE SCENE OF THE
CRIME...



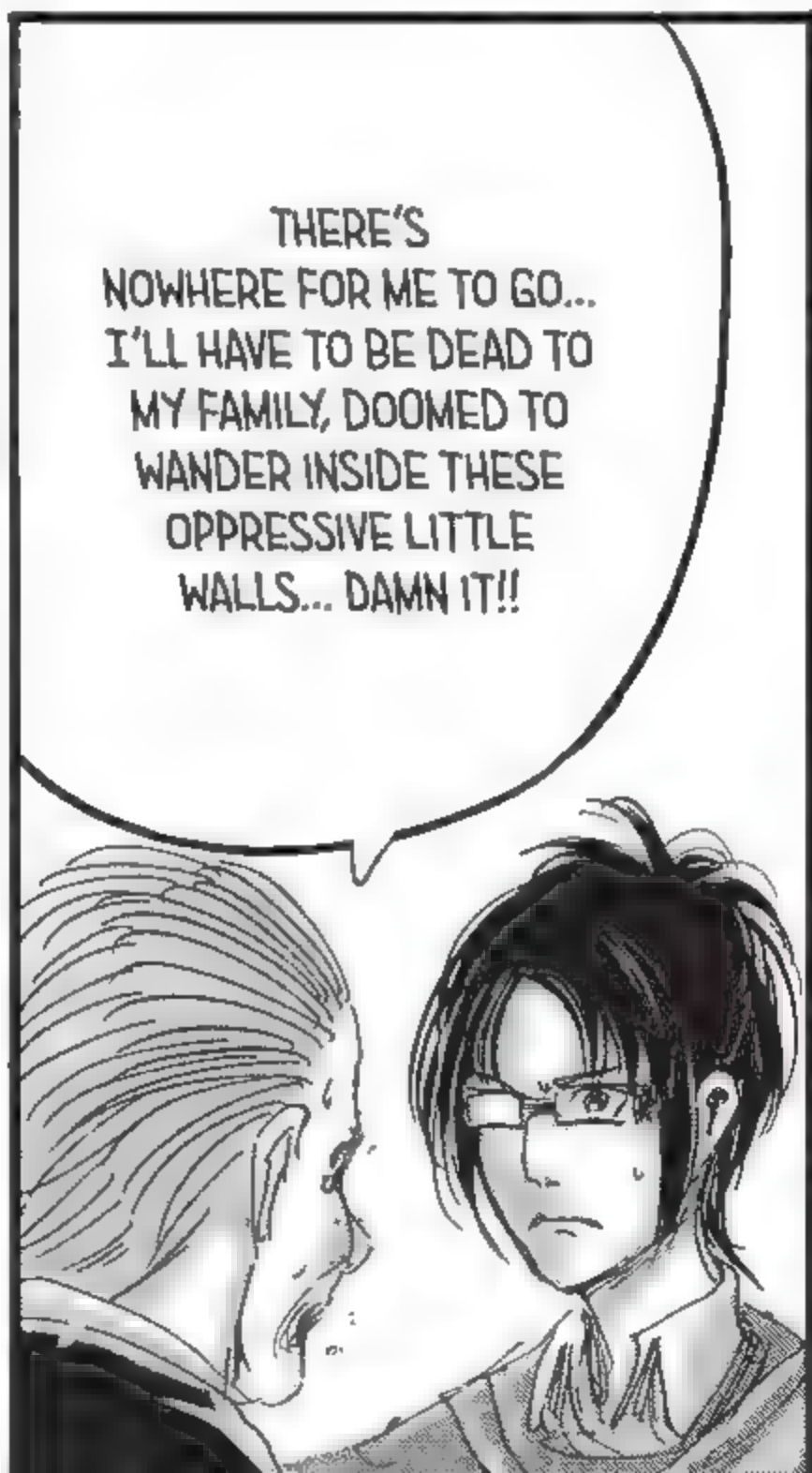
BUT
...

WELL...
PER-
HAPS...



CAN'T
YOU LOOK
AT IT THIS
WAY,
FLEGEL?

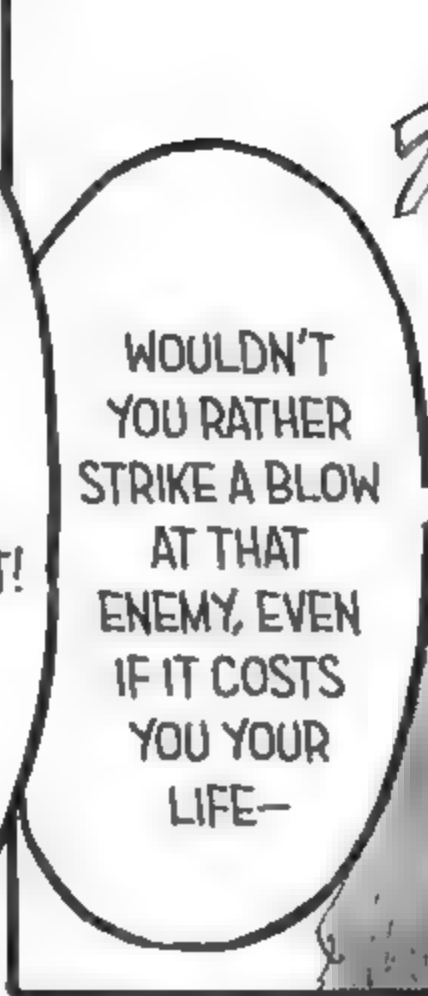
...I
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
LIVE LIKE
THAT.



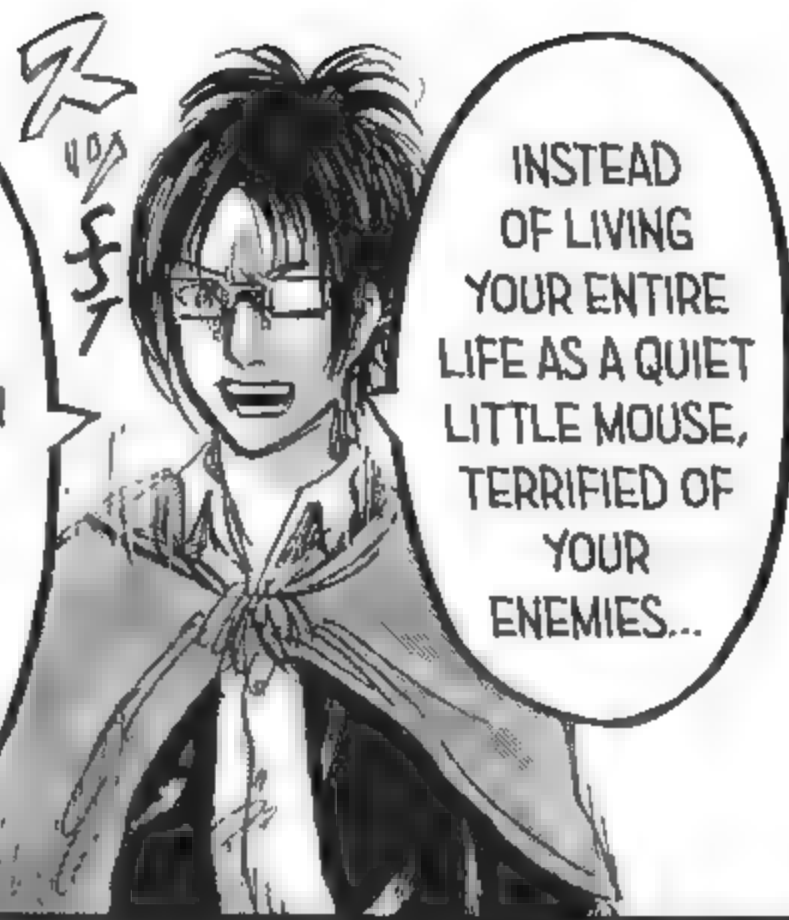
THERE'S
NOWHERE FOR ME TO GO...
I'LL HAVE TO BE DEAD TO
MY FAMILY, DOOMED TO
WANDER INSIDE THESE
OPPRESSIVE LITTLE
WALLS... DAMN IT!!



NO, I
WOULDN'T!



WOULDN'T
YOU RATHER
STRIKE A BLOW
AT THAT
ENEMY, EVEN
IF IT COSTS
YOU YOUR
LIFE—

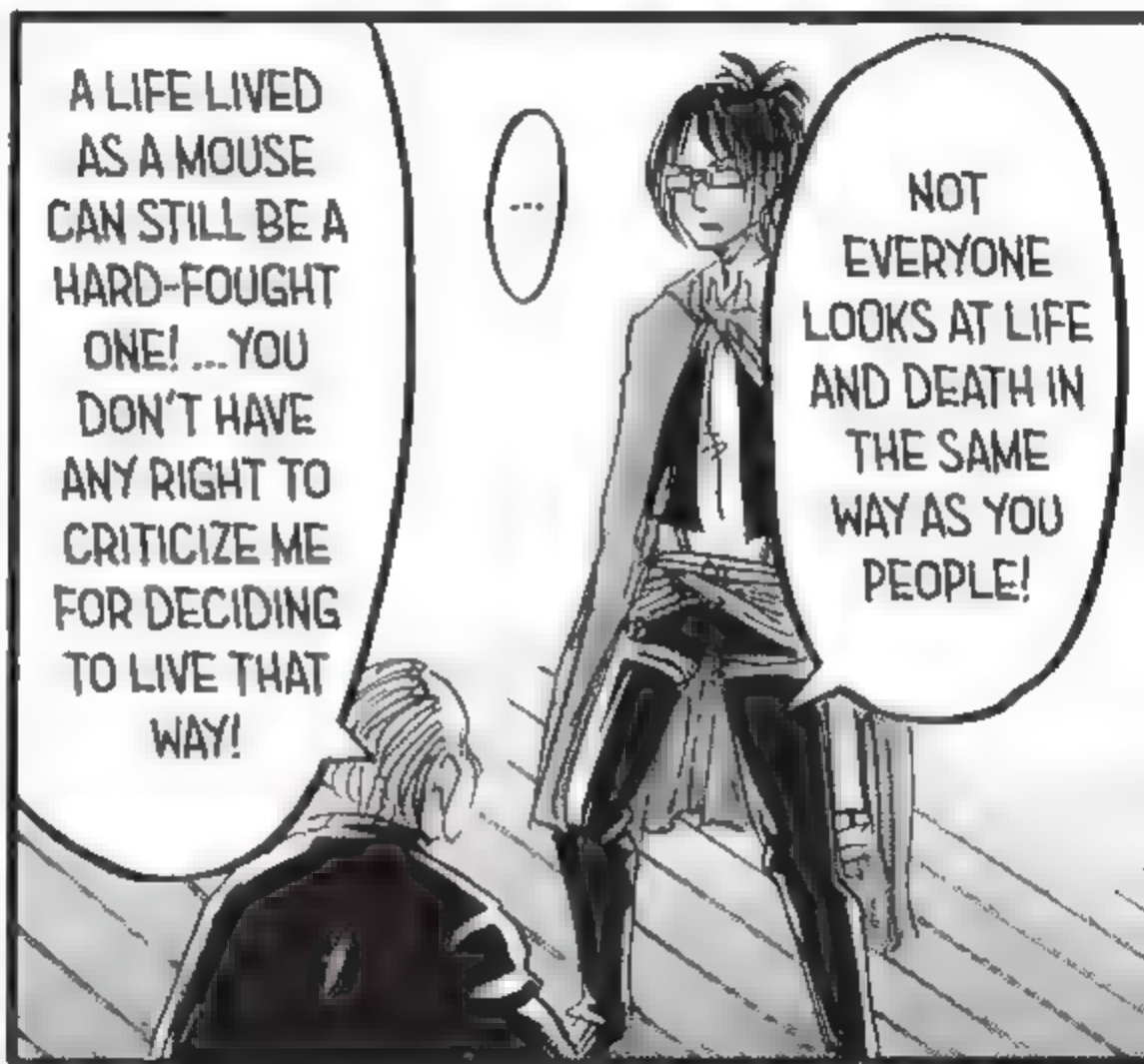


INSTEAD
OF LIVING
YOUR ENTIRE
LIFE AS A QUIET
LITTLE MOUSE,
TERRIFIED OF
YOUR
ENEMIES...



...GET
OFF
SCOT-
FREE
?!

CAN YOU
JUST KEEP
ON LIVING
LIKE
NOTHING
HAPPENED
WHILE THE
MEN WHO
KILLED YOUR
FATHER AND
YOUR
FRIENDS...



A LIFE LIVED
AS A MOUSE
CAN STILL BE A
HARD-FOUGHT
ONE! ...YOU
DON'T HAVE
ANY RIGHT TO
CRITICIZE ME
FOR DECIDING
TO LIVE THAT
WAY!

...

NOT
EVERYONE
LOOKS AT LIFE
AND DEATH IN
THE SAME
WAY AS YOU
PEOPLE!



SO YOU
THINK
ABOUT
WHAT'S
BEST
FOR
YOU,
TOO!!

GRAB

OF
COURSE
I AM!!



YOU'RE
JUST
SAYING
THAT
BECAUSE
IT'D BE
BEST
FOR
YOU!

WHAT
?!



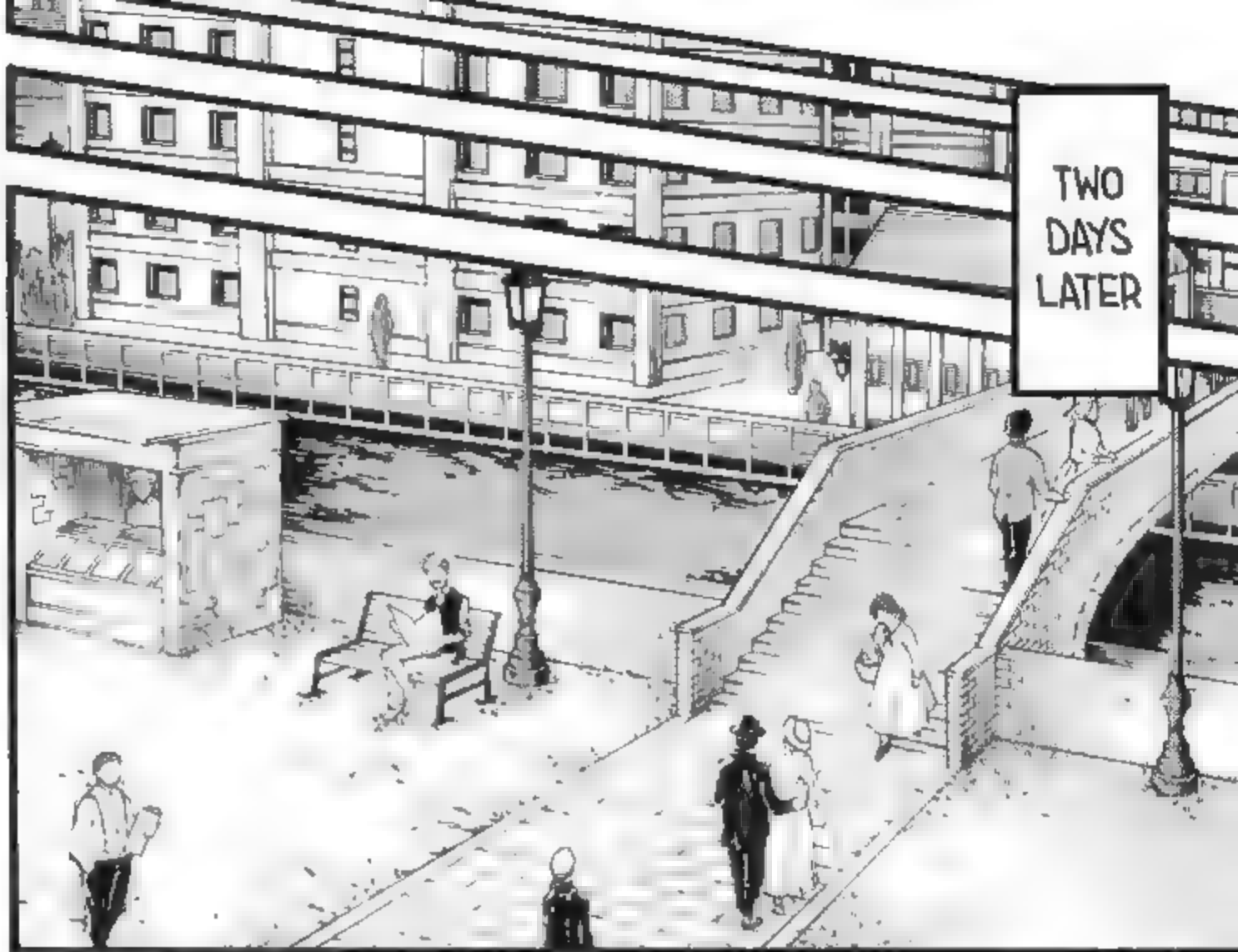
...TO
TELL
YOUR
FRIENDS
AND
FAMILY
THE
TRUTH
?!

DON'T
YOU
WANT
...





STOHESS
DISTRICT



TWO
DAYS
LATER



IF YOU
SEE ANYONE
RESEMBLING
THEM, INFORM
THE MILITARY
POLICE
IMMEDIATELY!

SOME SOLDIERS
HAVE IGNORED
THE SUMMONS
AND ARE STILL
AT LARGE!

THE
SURVEY
CORPS
HAS
MURDERED
CIVILIANS!

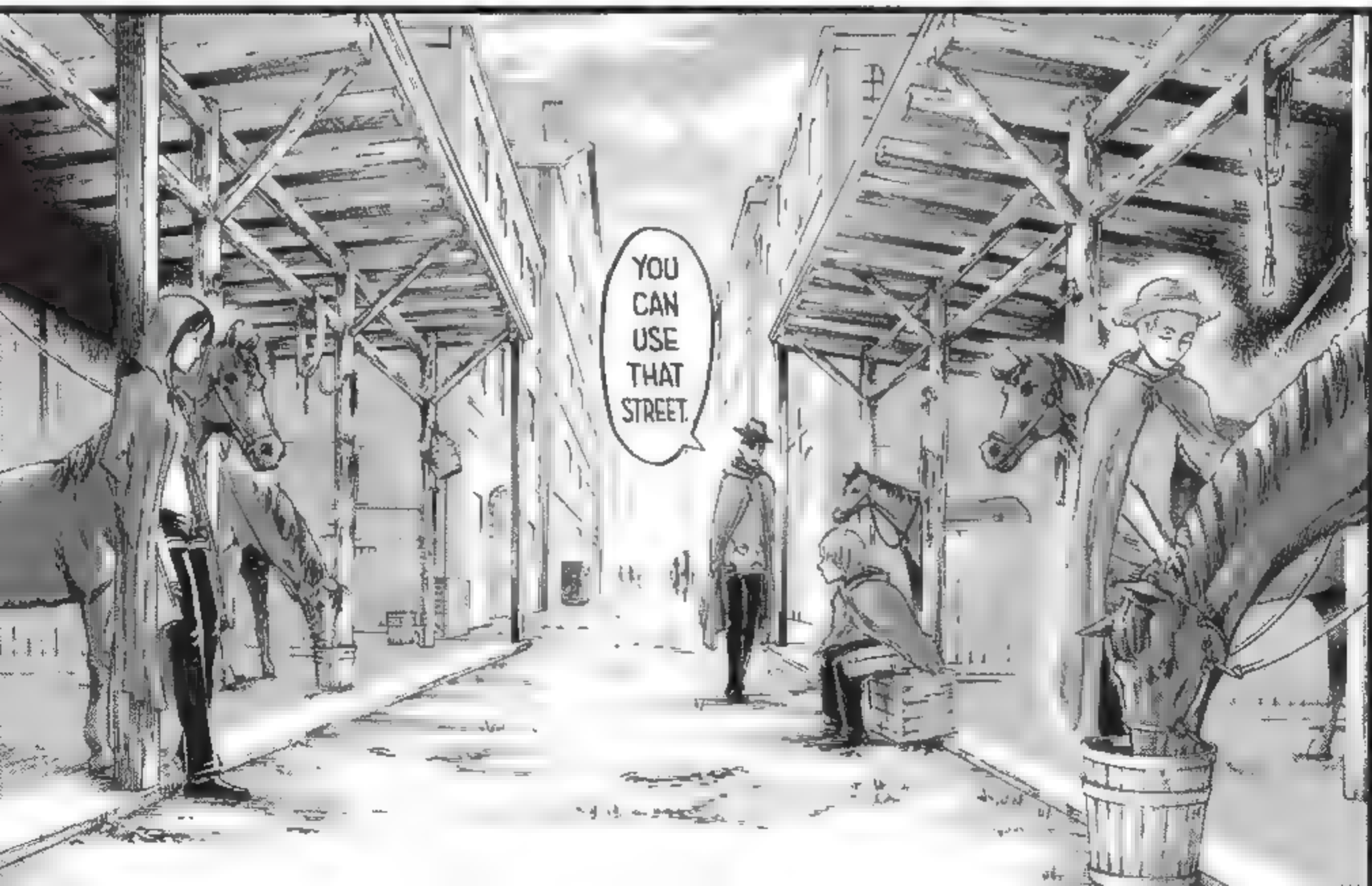


OH DEAR...
IT'S SO
DANGEROUS
NOW I DON'T
EVEN WANT
TO GO
OUTSIDE.

THEY'RE
TRYING TO
USE THAT
MONSTER,
EREN, TO
DESTROY
HUMANITY!

THEY'RE THE
SAME GROUP
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THAT TITAN
FIGHT INSIDE
THE WALLS!

SEE?
JUST
LIKE I
SAID.





THEY
WERE
PASSING
THESE
OUT.



JUST
IN
GENER-
AL...

YEAH...
IT FEELS
LIKE
IT'S ALL
OVER.



...THIS
MEANS THE
SURVEY
CORPS IS
DISSOLVED.

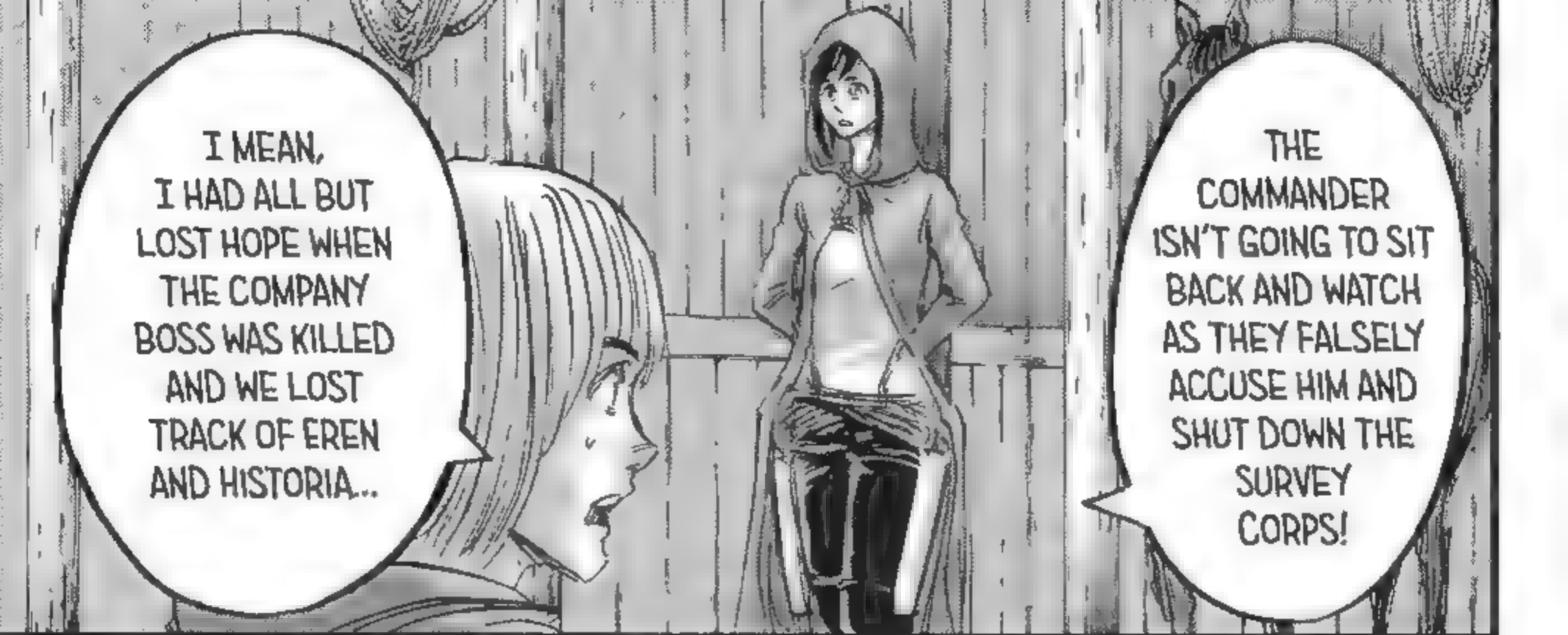


HEY... IT
HASN'T
COME TO
THAT
YET...




BUT TO THINK
A BUNCH OF
ANGRY
HUMANS ARE
GOING TO LOP
MY HEAD
OFF...

I WAS
PREPARED
TO DIE
INSIDE A
TITAN'S
STOMACH...



I MEAN,
I HAD ALL BUT
LOST HOPE WHEN
THE COMPANY
BOSS WAS KILLED
AND WE LOST
TRACK OF EREN
AND HISTORIA...


THE
COMMANDER
ISN'T GOING TO SIT
BACK AND WATCH
AS THEY FALSELY
ACCUSE HIM AND
SHUT DOWN THE
SURVEY
CORPS!



IT HAS TO BE
THAT UNDER-
TAKER! WHY
ELSE WOULD
SOMEONE STAY
AT AN INN WITH
TWO COFFINS?!

BUT THANKS TO
THE CAPTAIN'S
QUICK THINKING,
OUR STAKEOUT
OF STOEHS
DISTRICT
WORKED!


AND
...



...WE CAN
PROBABLY
FIND OUT
HOW EREN
CAN HARDEN
HIS TITAN'S
SKIN,
TOO!

...OR IF WE
CAN FIND
RECORDS
OF HOW THE
WALLS WERE
CREATED...

IF WE
CAN JUST
GET LORD
REISS...



IF THE CAPTAIN DID ORDER ME TO KILL, I STILL DOUBT I COULD DO IT.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL OTHER HUMANS... YOU CAN STILL COUNT ME OUT.



EVEN IF IT DOES ALL GO WELL...



JUST LIKE WHAT HE DID TO HISTORIA!

CAPTAIN LEVI THINKS HE CAN USE VIOLENCE TO MAKE PEOPLE DO AS HE SAYS.

ME TOO.



ME TOO.



HE PROBABLY DID THAT TO MAKE HER EASIER TO CONTROL ONCE SHE BECOMES QUEEN!

THREATENING HISTORIA WHEN SHE WAS PRACTICALLY A HUSK OF HER USUAL SELF...

YET HE ACTED SO HUMBLE WITH THE REEVES COMPANY!





AND
I'D
LIKE
ALL OF
YOU...

...TO
DECIDE
NOW,
TOO.



BUT I THINK
OUR BEST
OPTION RIGHT
NOW WOULD
BE TO FOLLOW
CAPTAIN LEVI'S
ORDERS.

I ALWAYS
NOTICED
THAT
SOMETHING
WAS OFF
ABOUT THAT
SHORTY...



NO
MISTAKING
IT...

TWO
COFFINS...
THEY'RE
BEING
LOADED
ON A
WAGON.





THAT'S
THE
FIRST
SQUAD...

UNLESS
THEY'RE
NECRO-
PHILIACS OR
SOMETHING...



BUT THANKS TO
YOUR PREDICTION
THAT THEY'D COME
THROUGH THIS
TOWN, WE GOT
HERE FIRST...

...WE
ALMOST
LOST
THEM.



AND
EREN
AND
HISTORIA
ARE
INSIDE
THOSE
COFFINS.



THEY'RE
NOT ACTING
LIKE I'D
EXPECT
THE FIRST
SQUAD
TO.

SOME-
THING'S
ODD...



...



HIM...

WELL, MAYBE MORE LIKE...



THEY TEND TO THINK LIKE M...

THE FIRST SQUAD FIGURED OUT REEVES WAS ON OUR SIDE...



HAVE YOU HEARD OF "KENNY THE RIPPER"?

HM?



HIM?



HE EXISTS. IT'S ALL TRUE.

WHAT?!

THAT'S JUST AN URBAN LEGEND FROM DECADES AGO, THOUGH.



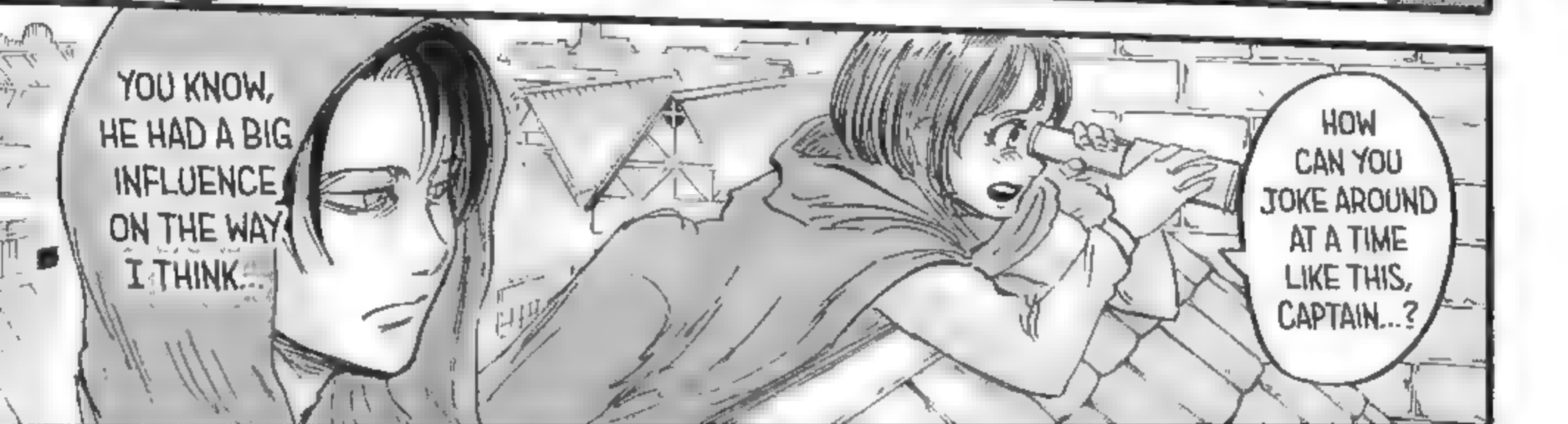
THE ONE THEY SAY SLIT THE THROATS OF OVER A HUNDRED MPS WHO TRIED TO CAPTURE HIM...?

THE MASS MURDERER FROM THE CITY?



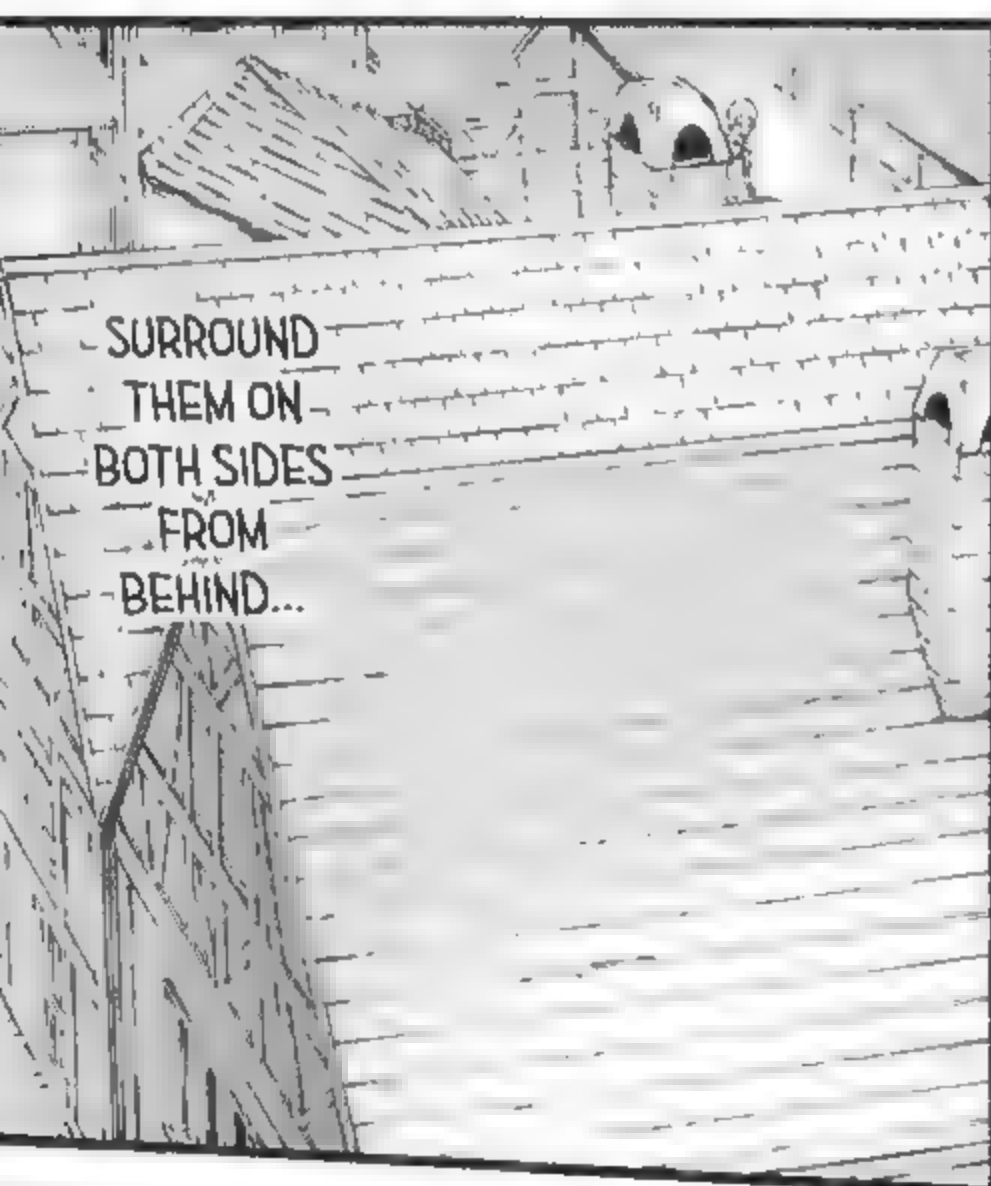
HUH?!
WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU...?

I LIVED
WITH HIM FOR A
TIME WHEN I
WAS A KID.



YOU KNOW,
HE HAD A BIG
INFLUENCE
ON THE WAY
I THINK...

HOW
CAN YOU
JOKE AROUND
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS,
CAPTAIN...?



SURROUND
THEM ON
BOTH SIDES
FROM
BEHIND...

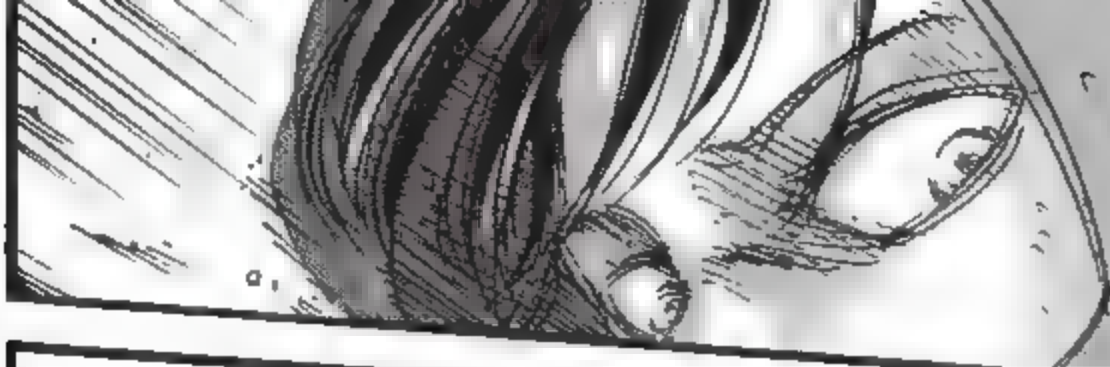


WHEN
YOU'RE
STALKING
A TARGET
AS A
GROUP...



USING HIGH
GROUND
AND GOOD
VISIBILITY-

THUMP

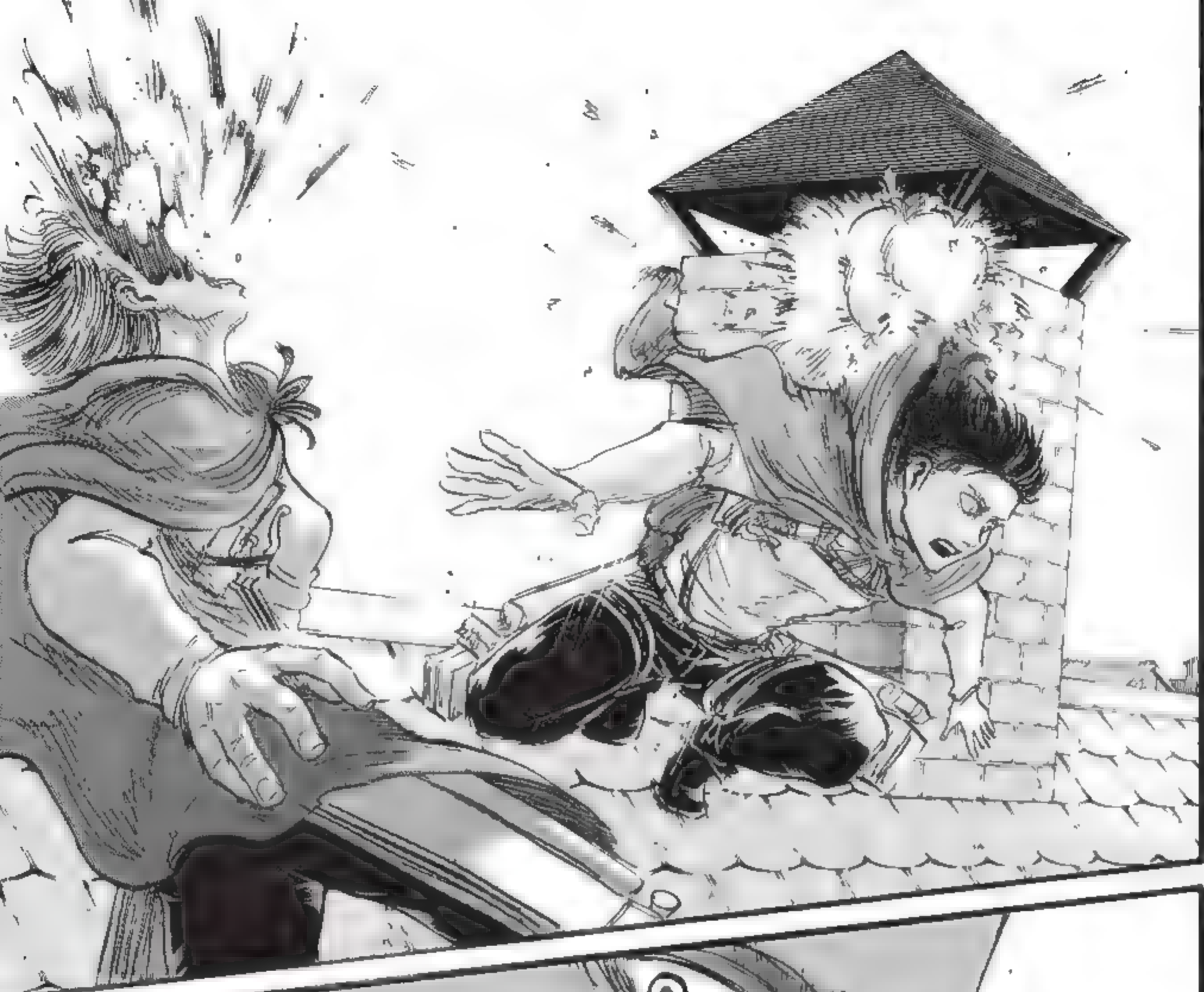


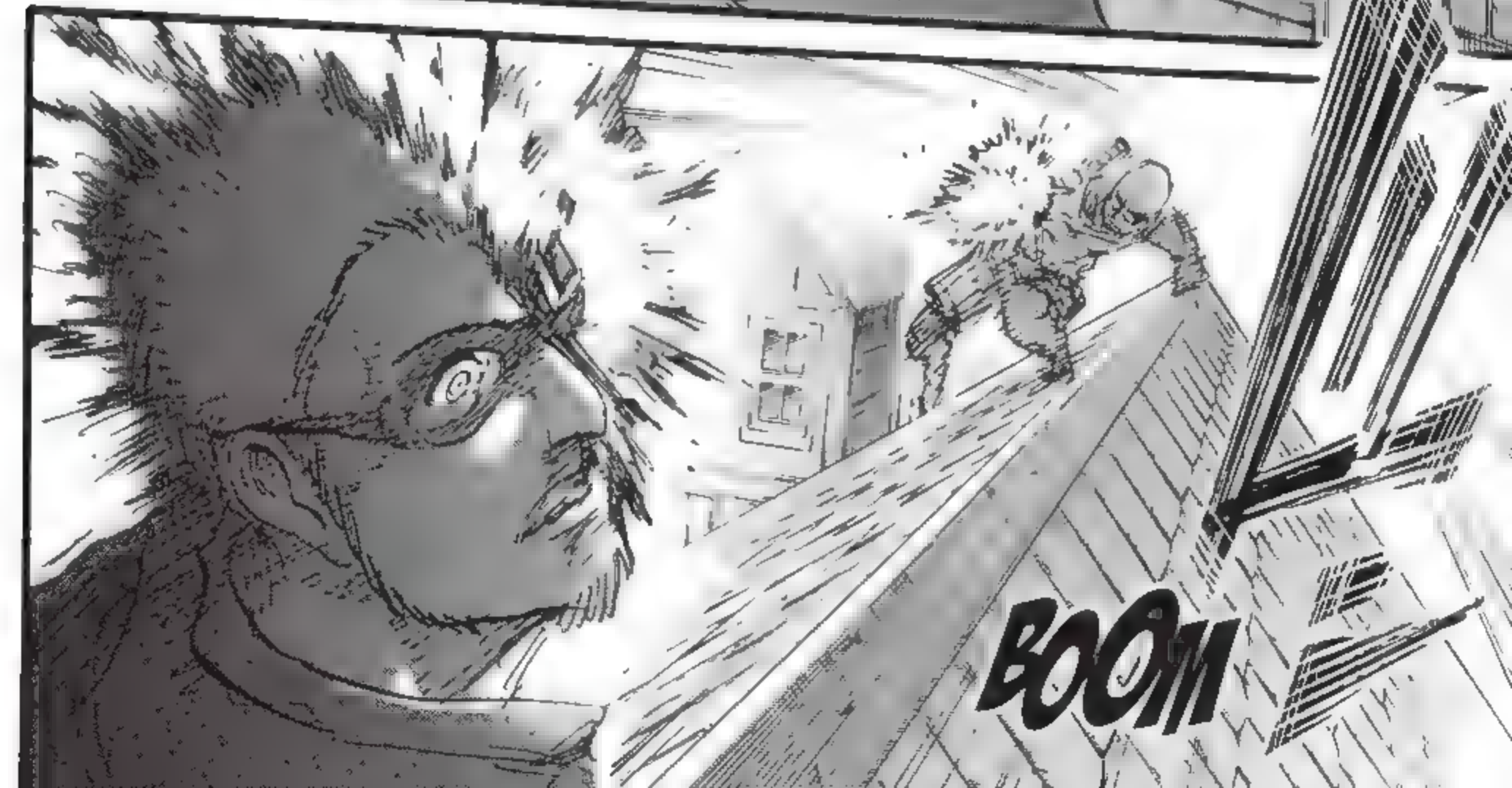
NIFA-

BOOM

BOOM









HEY,
LEVI.

KACHINK

CLANG










YA
HAVEN'T
REALLY
CHANGED
MUCH,
HAVE
YA?!



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SHINK

ATTACK on TITAN